4 O'CLOCK EDITION

THE EVENING NEWS.

BIG VALUE FOR 1 CENT

SECOND YEAR—NO. 384. BENTON HARBOR, MICH., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1896. ONE CE

A large bankrupt stock of SHOT GUNS and RIFLES of all kinds for sale at

Jackson's Toy Store

Water street, Benton Harbor, Mich. Remember that I keep all kinds of hunting, fishing and sporting goods on hand and I will not be undersold by any dealer in Southwestern Mich. Winchester Repeating Rifles all sizes at $10, $11 and $14 each. See the old and new models Quackenbush 22's and other Target Guns. One Colts Repeating Rifle second-hand at $7, one Winchester Single Shot Rifle, second-hand, at $6, Spencer Repeating Shot Gun, 8 shot at $17, and I have Double Barrel Breech Loading Shot Guns both 10 and 12 gauge at $7, $9, $11 and 12 each, Single Barrel Breech Loaders, both new and second-hand, at $5, $6 and $7 each, Muzzle Loading Shot Guns at the lowest prices, one Winchester Repeating Shot Gun second-hand at $10. Loaded Paper Shells 10, 12 and 16 gauge, a leader at 35 cents per box; paste that in your hat. A full and complete line of Winchester rifle cartridges at winning prices; 26 different sizes of revolver cartridges: B B, Flobert's and Blanks, Laflin & Rand's shot gun, rifle and blasting powder; smokeless powder for shot guns and rifles, brass shells, loaded and unloaded, buck, common shot and bar lead; reloading tools for rifles and shot guns, shot gun fixtures; cartridge belts and shell bags; hunting coats, vests and hats; canvas game bags and belts for hunters; powder flasks and shot pouches; primers; snipe, turkey and duck calls; shot gun shells loaded with smokeless powder; bowie knives and knives for hunters; pasteboard and felt wads; water proof and G.D. gun caps; all kinds of new and second-hand revolvers; my leaders are 32 center fire at $1.50; 38 center fire at $1.75. These guns are of the bull dog pattern, and they are all right and I am selling today the 32 and 38 center fire both blue and nickle 5 and 6 shot rubber handle rifle barrel, fluted cylinder, break down shell ejector, 4½ inch barrel Smith and Wesston pattern for $3 and how is that for a leader on guns? Holsters for revolvers and cases for guns and rifles, dark lanterns for coon hunters and the Morehouse traps for trapers, and compasses, boxing gloves, iron dumbells. Foot balls all kinds and sizes, sling shots, billies and knuckels, dog chains, collars and muzzels.

After Nov 1st I will pay the best market price for all kinds of raw furs and remember that I loan money on all kinds of personal property and that I have

A large grain sack full of unredeemed WATCHES of all kinds..

62 solid gold rings. Banjos, guitars and violins at one-third first cost. Trading men look over my watch stock I can always stock you up on bargains. I have dealt in fishing, hunting and sporting goods for 19 years in Benton Harbor. I buy cheaper than any other dealer and I will not be undersold.

CHARLES A. JACKSON

Dealer in Almost Everything.....

CHRISTMAS GOOD THINGS

For capacious Christmas stomachs at prices that are almost Christmas gifts.

We'll fill your stomachs with Christmas Cheer at cheaper prices than anyone else. Not cheap goods, but the best goods at prices that will make the mahogany groan with its load of good things.

Leave your order for next Sunday's New York Journal, the large and beautiful Xmas number, 42 pages, 16 in colors.

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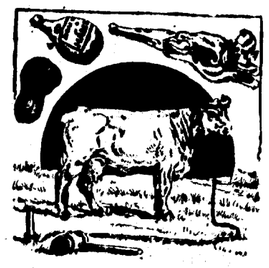

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We sell good, wholesome meat. We sell ribs of beef that are good and large—tender—that have plenty of tenderloi to them. We sell chops that are succulent. Our salt meats are always thoroughly cured. Good poultry and game in large variety.

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Two Stores { 220 Pipestone Street / 202 Territorial St.

BOTH GAY AND SAD.

Were the Christmas Exercises Held in the Various City Churches Yesterday.

GORGEOUS DECORATIONS SEEN

Happy Sunday School Pupils Are Made Happier by Santa Claus' Joyous Visits.

Santa Claus is certainly ubiquitous. So is his wife.

This very amiable pair appeared in a half dozen different places Thursday night at the same hour and in different raiment.

Santa denied his wife participation in the festivities of several of the city churches, but the blithsome little folks did not mourn over her absence. Their hearts were as light, their laughter was as gay and their joy was as unconfined as though Mrs. Santa was present.

The exercises everywhere were attended by large audiences. Midgets under three years of age appeared before crowded pews and lisped touching little Christmas stories, sang songs and were cheered with all the energy of an animated heart. It was a gladdening picture. The beaming countenances of the children were interesting, and the restless attitudes with which they awaited the advent of Santa Claus was observed with great delight.

Jacob's Ladder.

A ladder reaching from the rostrum to a golden gate in the dome of the alcove where the pipe organ rests, greeted the visitors at the Methodist church. There was the legendery eastern star which the shepards saw when the babe of Bethlehem fame was born, and pretty trimmings of evergreen decorated the walls. "Glory to God on the Highest, Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward Men," was printed in flaming letters across the galleries. The ladder was intended to represent the one that Jacob saw in his dream, reaching from earth to heaven, upon which were angels ascending and descending. The story of Jacob's dream was related by Rev. French.

Little Gladdys Morrow, so small that she had to be lifted to the platform, delighted the audience with a recitation. She smilingly responded to ac encore. Roy Bateman, Laura Earl, Grace Anderson, Hazel Colgrove and Georgana Morrow repeated pretty poems. A vocal quartet by S. W. Barker, Roy Ayers, and the Misses Lilian Williamson and Ida Edgcumbe closed the literary program.

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, represented by Claud Ayers and Miss Francis Hull, were then introduced and the distribution of presents to the Sunday School pupils began.

Fairies and Brownies.

Brownies and sweet-faced fairies, flitting hither and thither in the audience, delivering parcels to those designated by the irrepressible Santa Claus as entitled to remembrance, was the scene unfolded at the Universalist church to those who entered after 8 o'clock.

A cantata in three parts, introducing brownies, fairies and Santa Claus, comprised the exercises. In the first part the captain of the brownies appeared and read a cablegram from Santa Claus declaring that the gloomy times had served him to seek the magic aid of the queen of the fairies to enable him to fill the empty stockings. He feared the queen had failed him and he summoned the captain of the brownies and his band to come to his dominion.

The second part revealed the brownies' cave and the brownies at work laying brick, the brick being boxes containing candy. The brownies were surprised at their work by the entrance of the fairy queen and her throng. The captain of the brownies unfolded the predicament of Santa Claus to the queen who declared that Santa must not be dismayed, and by her magic hand she converted the common brick into boxes of candy which, in the third part, were carried to Santa Claus in his cave on hods.

The choruses were beautiful and the story of the cantata was nicely presented. Fred A. Hobbs appeared as Santa Claus.

Beautiful Decorations.

The First Baptist church was not large enough to hold the crowd which assembled to witness the Christmas exercises of the church Thursday night.

The church was beautifully decorated with evergreen which hung in festoons and wreaths from the walls and chandeliers. On the platform was a large Christmas tree and a house with a huge chimney and above was one mass of evergreen.

The first part of the program was participated in by the children. It was opened by a pipe organ solo by Fred Null, which was followed by an anthem by the choir under the direction of Dr. Kneeland. Dr. Votey's little daughter, aged two years, repeated the one hundreth psalm, after which Rev. Simon invoked the divine blessing. Miss Bisbee's class of little girls sang a song. The wreath drill by eight little girls, led by Miss Rapp and Lulu Van Dusen was very pretty and created loud applause.

When it came time for Santa Claus to put in his appearance the side of the house was pulled open and a pretty interior home scene was represented showing the fire place and the stockings hanging up waiting to be filled by Santa, who suddenly made his appearance down the chimney much to the amusement of everyone. The good old man was cleverly impersonated by John Prideaux who was dressed in costume. The children were presented with candy, oranges and nuts, while Rev. George B. Simons received a study chair and the Sunday school was presented with a miniature church made in tin and a perfect fac simile of the Baptist church with a place in the chimney to receive birthday offerings. This clever piece of work was made by C. W. Van Dusen who also deserves the credit for the decorations.

His Bald Head Saved Him.

The Christmas cantata given at the Congregational church Thursday night was witnessed by a large crowd of people and many words of praise and commendation were heard on every side for the leaders, Chorister A. P. Cady and Miss Ina Forton, who have been untiring in their efforts to make this a great success.

A large number of delegates, representing different nations, met for a convention in Santa Land but on reaching a certain point in their route they could find no one who could direct them when Uncle Sam came forward with his usual generosity and kindly consented to take them all there in his Union sleigh. The convention was very enjoyable and Mrs. Cole, as mammy, with her pickaninnies won fresh laurels with her lullaby song, and Harry Hinkley captured the audience with the Chinaman song. Much merriment was created by the funny costumes and dialects of the actors.

A very unlooked for interruption occurred between the second and third acts. Just as the organist, A. W. Nelson, was about to begin an organ solo the Indian, Frank Welton, rushed out from behind the scenes with a war whoop and was about to add another scalp to the already large number that dangled from his belt but after a moment's contemplation he turned away in great disappointment and quietly retired. Mr. Nelson is bald.

In the last scene 16 little boys and girls dressed as cupids and fairies under the direction of Miss Ina Forton gave a very pretty exhibition.

The entertainment so greatly pleased the people that a request for its repetition has been made and in case it is decided to repeat it the date will be announced later.

At the Catholic Church

The Catholic church, ever mindful of the sacred festival of Christmas celebrates the day wherever her faithful children are assembled, with all the pomp and magnificence of her ritual. She puts on her brightest array, bedecks her altars with increased splendor, burns her brightest lights and chants her glorious anthems to the praise and glory of the Messiah. Here, in the city, the faithful of the church were not negligent of their duty and devotion to the solemn day. The altars of the church were decorated with evergreens, and lighted up with a forest of tapers presented an imposing appearance. In front of the main altar, in semicircular form, in large letters, appeared the words, "Gloria in excelsis Deo," surrounded with many lights. Masses were celebrated from early morning, all of which were attended by a large and devout congregation. At half past ten solemn high mass was celebrated by the reverend pastor, the choir rendering the responses with their usual ability. The singing of the "Venite Adoremus" was rendered in a manner hardly to be excelled in any of the large city churches and the choir is to be congratulated on the careful and able rendition of the program selected for the day.

Rev. Father Cooney, of Notre Dame, preached an eloquent sermon, pointing out the duties of the Christian in the worthy celebration of the day and his discourse was listened to throughout with great attention. The reverend gentleman is a forcible and eloquent pulpit orator and holds his audience from beginning to end by his brilliant arguments and striking points of illustration.

The forty hours' adoration begins on tomorrow.

Fairies Cheer the Waifs

A very beautiful and touching Christmas entertainment was given last evening by the children of the Christian church at Conkey's hall and was attended by over 700 people. Sixty children faultlessly took part in the program. They had been drilled for six weeks by Mrs. J. H. Bicknell and Mrs. J. L. Romig. The stage was divided into two parts. On one side were the "busy bees," Sunday school children making Christmas presents for the poor and on the other side Santa Claus and his fairies dressed in white with spotless wings.

Little Miss Fannie Allmendinger appeared in her bare feet and night dress and with a lighted candle in one hand and a rag doll in her arm was searching through the dark house looking for Santa Claus.

Two street waifs—Mabel Byers and Dick Whelan—appeared in rags and with looks of distress. They had an empty basket and were looking for Santa Claus. They could not find him and in despair they sang, "Nobody cares if we hunger and die." Tears were to be seen in many eyes throughout the audience as the little boy lay down to die. His companion took off her scanty shawl and laid it tenderly over the little boy and then she too laid down to sleep expecting never to wake again. While the ragged children were sleeping Santa Claus came and his fairies filled the basket with clothing and all the things that makes glad the hearts of children at Christmas time. When they awoke the scene was very pathetic.

Another special feature was the appearance of three colored bootblacks, Reuben Durkee, Irvin Stark and Cecil Beith.

Parents Entertained.

The Misses Forton, who are conducting a very successful kindergarten on Pavone street, received the parents of their pupils Wednesday forenoon between 9 and 12 o'clock. Dainty cups of cocoa and wafers were served. A Christmas tree, decorated with the work of the pupils, was an interesting attraction. The pupils were also served with sweetmeats. The event marked the closing of the school for this year. It will reopen the first Monday in January. The training received by children at this newly founded institution is highly beneficial and the school is fast acquiring a reputation.

HE KILLED HIS SON

Sad Accident in the Vandeveer Family at Coloma Yesterday.

FATHER AND SON OUT HUNTING

The Father's Firearm Accidentally Discharged, Producing Fatal Injuries to the Son.

COLOMA, Dec. 26—Christmas day, 1896, will be remembered as the saddest day in the history of the Vandeveer family who live north of this village. Yesterday forenoon Tracy, the 17-year old son of John Vandeveer, was shot by his father and died from the effects of his injuries before Christmas was passed.

In the morning father and son left home to hunt during the forenoon. About 9 o'clock the son, while bending over to put a ferret in a hollow log, received in his back the contents of a gun accidentally discharged while in the father's hands.

Physicians were summoned immediately from Coloma and Watervliet, and everything was done for the sufferer which medical science could devise, but the wounds proved fatal. It was ascertained that the gun wad entered one of the kidneys.

Sorrow over the sad event is very general. John Vandeveer served this township on the county board of supervisors for a number of years, and is highly respected. In his great grief he has the sincere sympathy of hundreds of friends.

The funeral services will be held next Sunday forenoon.

ABOUT THE COUNTY.

Eau Claire

EAU CLAIRE, Dec. 26.—Christmas was appropriately celebrated by the churches of this place. The Methodist church had a Christmas house and the Sunday school presented the cantata of "Mother Goose" and the audience was delighted. The Christian church was beautifully decorated and departed from the usual custom somewhat by building a fine representation of a settler's log cabin in a winter scene. The United Brethren had the usual and always pleasing Christmas tree. Several families had trees in their own homes.

Robert Farmer, one of the leading citizens of this place spent a merrier Christmas than usual this year. This is accounted for by the fact that he was married the day before to Miss Allie Shaw of Hinchman.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ward entertained Mr. and Mrs. Allen Dunning, Edwardsburg and W. W. Warren, Dowagiac, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Done, South Bend, and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McKhain, Elkhart. Mr. and Mrs. Miles Davis entertained Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Ferry of Benton Harbor.

The friends of Rev. C. P. Birdsey presented him with a beautiful office chair as a Christmas gift.

Reds Are Ahead.

The Y. M. C. A. membership contest is growing more interesting as the time for its conclusion approaches. The Blues have been in the lead, but the Reds' efforts have witnessed a steady gain until they now lead their opponents by a margin of one. The contest now stands 13 to 12. It will close next Thursday night at 12 o'clock.

Marriage Licenses

Parke A. Summerland, 22, Wabash, Ind.; Eva Henney, 24, North Manchester, Ind.

New Advertisements

Puterbaugh & Rapp are having their special pre-inventory sale and are offering great bargains, especially in cloaks and jackets.

E. W. Moore & Co. are offering men's underwear at the lowest price.

Hirsch Bros. have a new ad on the first page.

George M. Bell & Co. will sell what remains of their holiday stock at less than cost for one week only.

Herr Bros. window sale will continue for one more week.

"Now good digestion wait on appetite and health on both." Use Washburn's Gold Medal flour—all good grocers sell it. 156t

FOUR GENERATIONS.

Represented in a Benton Harbor Family Reunion.

The three brothers and only sister of Mrs. E. C. Stanley, residing with her daughter, Mrs. Samuel Neal on Territorial street, surprised her with a visit last Wednesday, the date of her seventy-sixth birthday. There were present also a daughter, Mrs. Wilcox, and her son of Antrim county; a granddaughter, Mrs. H. McKee of this city, and three great grand children, representing four generations.

The names and ages of the brothers and sisters follow: Mrs. E. C. Stanley, 76; Mrs. H. M. Barry, 74; C. M. Guy, 63; J. M. Guy, 61; T. D. Guy, 60, their ages aggregating 334 years.

A BAD CUT.

A Swede Named John Bronque Received One.

John Bronque, a Swede who has been working on the St. Joseph Valley road but who has lately been employed in the brick yard of George Peterson, got into bad company Christmas eve and as a result will be laid up for some time.

He in company with several Swedes who had been celebrating the event of Christmas by indulging too freely in poor whiskey, got in a dispute which ended by Mr. Bronque receiving a cut in the back of the neck by a knife in the hands of one of his companions.

The fight occurred near the corner of Territorial and Water streets and Mr. Bronque walked a short distance when he was seen by William Rix who assisted him to William Cone's lodging house where Dr. Votey sewed up the gaping wound, it requiring twelve stitches.

Another Charge

J. M. Ball arrived this morning from Chicago and at once made complaint against Ore Stanley and Frank Davenport, charging them with burglarizing his residence on the Lake Shore road. There are two charges now resting against the young men. They were previously held on the charge of the larceny of a watch and revolver from Engineer Taylor of the St. Joseph paper mill.

Married at Hotel Whitcomb.

Yesterday afternoon Parke A. Summerland, of Wabash, Ind., and Eva Henney, of North Manchester, Ind., were united in marriage at the Whitcomb hotel in St. Joseph by Rev. James Hamilton.

CHRISTMAS AT THE MAJOR'S.

President-Elect Dines with His Mother—Many Presents Received.

Canton, O., Dec. 25.—Major McKinley enjoyed a sleigh ride Thursday morning, and with Mrs. McKinley sharing the pleasure enjoying hedrly two hours in the crisp, bracing atmosphere. Mrs. McKinley aws accompanied by her sister, Mrs. M. C. Barber, and the latter in turn gave her place in the sleigh to others. Both the president-elect and his wife feel greatly improved by their recent visit to Chicago and are in excellent spirits.

A number of Christmas presents have arrived for Major and Mrs. McKinley from relatives and friends in different parts of the country, books forming a prominent part of thoes holiday mementoes. Letters and telegrams innumerable were received during the day containing wishes of a merry Christmas to the president-elect and his wife. Among the distinguished visitors were Colonel Fred D. Grant and family, who reached the city from New York en route to Chicago, where they go to pass the Christmas with friends.

Hon. A. T. Wimberly, of Louisiana, was also a caller Thursday morning. Wimberly is prominent in the Louisian a political field, but says he is here to make only a social call on the presidet elect. He left for Washington at 2:05 Thursday afternoon.

Major and Mrs. McKinley always take dinner Christmas Day with Mother McKinley. This has been the custom for years.

From McKinley to Hanna.

Cleveland, Dec. 25.—Ex-Governor Prince, of New Mexico, who was among those calling upon the president-elect at Canton Wednesday, arrived in Cleveland Thursday morning, and was closeted with Chairman Hanna at the latter's office for a brief time.

Senator Allison Able To Be About.

Dubuque, Ia., Dec. 25.—For the first time in a month Senator Allison left his home Thursday and took a short sleigh ride about the city. He expects to leave for Washington immediately after the holidays.

Issued a Fraud Order.

Washington, Dec. 25.—The postmaster general has issued a fraud order against the Illinois Mercantile agency, of Rockford, Ills.

New Milch Cows for Sale.

Six new milch cows for sale by
E. WOOLCOTT,
384t3 Watervliet, Mich.

Pure minded people desiring to innocently limit size of family, address for receipt, been in use for years. Never fails. Price $1. Mrs. V. Lamont general delivery, Minneapolis, Minn. 384t6

Stockholders' Meeting Notice.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Excelsior Gas company will occur on Tuesday, January 19, 1897, at 2:30 p. m. at the office of the company, 107 East Main street, this city. J. S. MORTON, secretary.
Benton Harbor, Mich., Dec. 26, 1896.

APPEAR SURPRISED.

Law and Order Women Mean to Continue the Prosecution of Saloonists.

DAZED BY CONTRARY REPORTS.

Claim They Did Not Authorize the Withdrawel of the Complaints.

THE EVENING NEWS has received the following letter which explains itself.

EDITOR EVENING NEWS:—Please publish the following:

The St. Joseph law and order league has decided to withdraw its charges—twenty-three of them—against liquor dealers in that place. Berrien Springs Era.

Last week twenty-three cases which had been brought against liquor sellers had to be dropped for lack of evidence. Detroit Free Press.

On seeing the above, we think it calls upon us to give a true and correct statement of these cases. Last summer nine saloon keepers were arrested in St. Joseph by the law and order league for violating the Sunday closing liquor law. They all appeared in the justice's court, waived examination, was bound over to the October court, under bonds of $100 each, it was stated at the beginning of this court that those cases were to be tried this term.

The complaining witnesses have waited anxiously and expected to be notified, and was ready to appear any day for the hearing of those cases, now we see in the papers (and that is all we know about it as we have not heard a word from the court) that the league had decided to withdraw its charges against the liquor dealers in that place.

We are very much surprised at these proceedings, as we never will withdraw our charges against them, and if there is any law in the state of Michigan, (and we believe there is) that we can bring these cases into court again, we will do it, for we have positive proof they are guilty of the charges.

MRS. F. J. HADLOCK.
MRS. LIZZIE CALWELL

Real Estate Transfers.

Susie Nixon to Lewis B. Nixon, 40 acres in sec. 27, town 6.

Catharine Haskins to John R. Eastman, 80 acres in Pipestone township. $112.50.

Anna E. Davis to Catharine Haskins, 80 acres in Pipestone township. $112.50.

Frances A. Ogden to Buchanan & St. Joseph River R. R. right of way across farm. $1.120.

William G. Newland to John Robinson, lot 16 and part of lot 15, block 36, Central add to Benton Harbor. $1000.

Coddington B. Farnsworth to Jacob Noel, w ½ of ne ¼ of sec. 11, town 8. $1,000.

Charles Hillman to Sarah Hillman, 40 acres in New Buffalo township. $1,000.

Boats and Seamen.

The steamer City of Duluth cleared last night for Chicago.

The Jay Gould left today for Chicago and will return tomorrow morning with a heavy cargo of freight.

The steamer City of Louisville arrived from Milwaukee today.

Plagiarized His Winning Effort.

Crawfordsville, Ind., Dec. 25.—Wabash college circles are astonished over the announcement that Charles M. Rauch, the college representative to the state oratorical contest, had plagiarized the oration he delivered at the primary contest last week. In the audience sat Professor McLain, who recognized in the splendid oration on the Armenian question the greater portion of a sermon recently delivered by Dr. Lyman Abbott and published in last week's Outlook. Having confirmed his belief the professor confronted Rauch, who at once confessed. The high honor is taken from Rauch, and O. M. Duncan, who took second, will represent Wabash.

"About a year ago I was confined to my bed with chronic rheumatism and failed to receive help from my physician. I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and was soon able to be around and I am now enjoying good health." Miss Cora Moore, Howard City, Mich.

HOOD'S PILLS act harmoniously with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Have you got good teeth? Stick them into Bird's fine taffy. Bird always sells the best.

Nickle alarm clocks are down at Holt & Son's, at 75 cents, that's right.

Awarded
Highest Honors—World's Fair.
DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER
MOST PERFECT MADE.
A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant.
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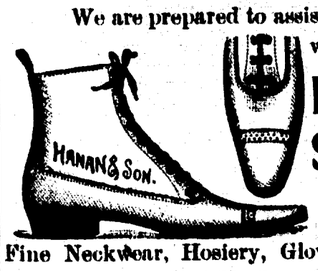
For New Year's

We are prepared to assist you in your wants in the way of



Fancy Slippers, Shoes, etc.

For Ladies and Gents

Fine Neckwear, Hosiery, Gloves and Mittens, Hats, caps, Silk and Wool Mufflers, Fine Traveling Bags, Trunks, etc. Our stock of clothing and overcoats is exceptionally large and complete, and our boots, shoes and rubbers are always right.

..The Globe Clothiers and Shoers

113 West Main Street.

THERE may be grief and tales of woe,
For "Cuba" and for "Macco,"
But the man who raves and tears his hair
Is the one who has no change to spare,
When he looks at our assortment.

We keep everything in money and clerks enough to wait on the trade. We are a little short on both. Our Rockers, Center Tables, Bookcases, Dining Tables and Chairs, Couches, Rugs, Draperies and everything else, are of a higher order, and prices are

If You Miss Us Before New Year
People Will Think You Are Crazy

C. J. PECK

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..BARGAIN LEADERS ALL THE TIME..

Monday, Dec. 28

WE WILL OFFER

10 Doz. Men's Shirts and Drawers at 19c
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10 Doz. Ladies' Pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, with drawn Borders at 8c

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9 Lbs. Rolled Oats, 26c.
9 bars Jaxon Soap, 25c.
Gold Dust, 16c.
American Ball Bluing, 4c.
Our Shoe Dressing

We Would Rather

Have money than the Holiday Goods which we have left and as an inducement we close out the entire line

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1896.

MAYOR Bell's views in regard to the lighting of West Main street will be heeded by every fair-thinking resident of Benton Harbor. He declares that the city should not be required to stand the entire expense of constructing additional lights on this avenue, the most frequented of any in the city. He assigns some worthy reasons why this should not be. The street railway, he says, will receive as great a benefit from such an improvement as the city and should be compelled to share the expense of constructing and maintaining the lights necessary to make the highway safe for teams and pedestrians at night. Had the street been properly lighted the street car company would undoubtedly have escaped the possibility of a damage suit created by the slaughtering of Michael King recently. The opinion of Mayor Bell is not arbitrary but fair and just.

KIMBALL AGAIN ARRESTED.

He Obtained Money Under False Pretense at Grand Rapids.

S. D. Kimball, well known in this city, was arrested in Grand Rapids Thursday on a rather serious charge. W. A. Stowe, a Grand Rapids paper dealer, makes a complaint against him for receiving money under false pretences. Kimball, it appears, called on Stowe December 15, and representing himself as a traveling salesman for the Thomas manufacturing company of Chicago, sold him a bill of shipping twine. Afterward he got Stowe to cash a $30 sight draft on the house for him. Stowe sent the draft to the house and the house refused to honor it, saying that Kimball did not work for the firm. The warrant for Kimball's arrest followed.

TWO NEW TEACHERS.

They Were Hired by the Board of Education Thursday.

The board of education met Thursday after noon and voted to hire Miss Mabel Gibson, of St. Clair, to fill the vacancy in the corps of city school instructors caused by the resignation of Miss Mack.

Miss Nina Hess, of Napoleon, was hired to take charge of the new room created in the basement of the Central building to be occupied by sixth grade pupils.

The new teachers are both experienced and have in their possession valuable recommendations relative to their ability.

ABOUT THE COUNTY.

Galien Advocate: Galien is ahead of Niles in the change on the Michigan Central railroad to the block signal system. One operator was laid off and we have two men stationed here to look after the signals. Buchanan has no telegraph operator from 1 o'clock in the morning till 1 o'clock in the afternoon, while at Three Oaks the station agent has to sell tickets for the midnight train and the helper has to sell tickets for the 3:52 a. m. train.

Crime That Deserved a Rope.

Clarke, S. D., Dec. 26.—Christian Christiansen has just been convicted of wife murder and sentenced to the penitentiary for life. It was supposed that his wife had committed suicide, as she was found hanging to a tree in a tree claim. He hung her to the tree from his wagon, and then drove out from under, leaving her there. Circumstantial evidence was found which rendered the suicide theory untenable.

Convicts Strike a Great Scheme.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 26.—One hundred convicts in the Frankfort penitentiary filed a petition with the governor for pardon. They stated in their petition that if pardoned, they would all go to Cuba and fight to free the island. The governor could not see it that way and was inclined to think they might work for freedom inside the walls and their expected Christmas gift has gone glimmering.

Do not wear impermeable and tight-fitting hats that constrict the blood-vessels of the scalp. Use Hall's Hair Renewer occasionally, and you will not be bald.

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"PACIFICOS" TO DIE.

Reports Received To That Effect From Key West, Florida, and Havana.

WORK OF BUTCHERY BEGINS.

Some Remarks by a Spanish General on the Stories Told in the United States.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Telegrams from Key West via Cincinnati say that passengers arriving from Havana tell the story that all Havana is waiting for reports from Weyler and commenting upon his actions so far. He is reported to have stated that he intended to make a desert of the Pinar del Rio section to starve General Rivera out. According to rumors he has begun strongly on this. His guerrilla bands have orders to carry off or destroy all cattle or provisions of any kind, and to lay waste the entire country, burning cane fields, houses, barns, etc. This they are beginning to do. The statement is also made that the orders are to shoot all "pacificos" and that the bloody work has been begun. The stories add that General Rivera, who is in command of the army of Maceo, has sent a formal warning to Weyler, notifying the Spanish captain general that if he persists in his threats to kill pacificos found in the country the Cubans will make reprisals on all Spaniards whom they may capture.

Cuban Victories Over the Spaniards.

General Weyler is affecting to disregard the warning. Those near him, however, say that he will not dare to carry out his ideas as ruthlessly as he intended. His guerrillas still have full authority to capture or kill pacificos in the country and to force their families into the garrisoned towns. As the troops in such places have little extra food and the residents none to spare, this order lays a great hardship on the poor country folk. Hundreds will soon be starving. General Rivera is moving out of his intrenchments. Al indications point to an important engagement soon. A battle has been fought in Santa Clara province between guerrilla bands. The Cubans forced the Spanish toretire into Remedios with heavy loss. Regla, across the bay from Havana, was attacked again Thursday night almost upder the guns of the fortress. Several houses were burned and a running fight was maintained for two hours.

What Correspondent Bowen Says.

A dispatch from New York gives the substance of a special to The World from Dr. William Shaw Bowen, a staff correspondent of that paper. The Spanish authorities gave him permission to travel through Pinar del Rio. He found few signs of civil war except about the garrisoned towns. Tobacco was being cultivated in many places, except that the planting was later than common, and the inhabitants seemed to be following their ordinary avocations. General Malguizo, who is in command of the district about Pinar del Rio city, replied bitterly to the American press attacks on him for cruelty. Referring to the "pacificos" he said there were two kinds of these—one genuine and the other spurious.

Distinction Between "Pacificos."

The spurious kind carried on a guerrilla warfare when the opportunity offered to do it safely and then when hard pressed buried its arms and become very peaceful. General Melguizo said that these men should be treated as the Germans treated similar French "pacificos" during the Franco-German war—shot on sight. Melguizo had not heard any criticism of the German commanders for doing this. Referring to the proposed collecting of the loyal people in the towns and the desolation of the country occupied by the rebels General Melguizo recalled the fact that Sheridan in the American rebellion swept the Shenandoah valley clean, so that "a crow could not fly over it," as a military measure.

Sensational Stories Denied.

Bowen says that the siege of Pinar del Rio city, reported at length in American papers very nearly a twelvemonth ago, was a romance pure and simple; that the rebels have never been nearer the town in force than five miles, and then only when Maceo slipped by in the woods en route somewhere else; also that Weyler in his two trips into the hills of the province found few rebels—there are none organized in considerable bodies there now; that the detailed stories printed in the United States of fierce battles in the hills are fabrications out of whole cloth. The whole special is a denial of the lurid reports coming to the press via Key West and other Florida points.

VIEWS OF GENERAL DRAPER.

Not in Favor of Uncle Sam Interfering in the Unpleasantness.

Washington, Dec. 26.—An argument against interference by the United States with the government of Spain in Cuba, pending the present season for military operations, is made by General William Draper, of Massachusetts, who is one of the sub-committee of the house which will consider the resolutions relating to Cuba. He said: "My standpoint in regard to Cuba has not changed since the last session of congress. It is my feeling that it is time to recognise independence when, in the first place, there is a government, and when, in the second place, that government has shown its right to be considered an independent sovereignty. It seems to me that there is nothing in the island of Cuba in opposition to the Spanish forces except certain armed bodies of men, each under its own leader, and with nothing approaching a civil government.

"If we are to take the message of President Cleveland as our authority—and that is the only trustworthy authority that I know of—it must be admitted that there is not anywhere in Cuba outside the Spanish lines a civil government which is seriously undertaking to exercise its functions. The claims put forth by the insurgents cannot be accepted as in any degree conclusive in these matters. Take, for instance, this matter of the supposed death of Maceo. The insurgents said it is the first p[illegible] Assistant Secretary, an[illegible] [illegible] that he was killed in a fair fight. I am inclined to accept no reports from Cuba that are not official, as a basis of action.

"I think the incoming administration should have the privilege of deciding what course it desires to take in regard to its foreign policy, and that the new president should not be inaugurated with a war upon his hands with an important foreign power, caused by the action of the out-going congress."

"Do you believe that Cuba will benefit by becoming an independent government?" was asked.

"I do not," General Draper replied. "I am not confident that the new government would maintain civil order, and the security of person and property under equal laws for all citizens of the island and for foreign visitors and residents any more effectively than the Spanish government. I believe that if I were to take my wife and family to the island of Cuba they would be safer under Spanish rule, bad as it is said to be, than under such rule as would be instituted if the insurgents should succeed and our government should take possession of the island.

"The alternative for securing orderly government, then, you think is between Spanish rule and American?"

"Exactly," was the reply. "The United States ought to deliberate more carefully, however, before themselves taking possession of the island. American control would involve a great many obligations under a variety of heads. One of the objections of the insurgents to Spanish rule lies in the fact that the suffrage is limited to some 53,000 voters out of perhaps 350,000 adult male They apparently desire universal suffrage. Presumably they would not renounce this desire if the island became a part of the United States. They would then bring a new element of corruption into the Union if Cuba became a state, and they would be in a constant state of irritation if the island were kept in a territorial condition."

NAVAL ENGAGEMENT A FAKE.

Three Friends Shows No Sign of Having Been in a Fight.

Cincinnati, Dec. 26.—A special to The Commercial-Tribune from Key West says: Much comment was made yesterday in Havana over the report cabled from New York that the filibustering steamer Three Friends had been fired on by Spanish cruisers and that the steamer had disabled a Spanish gunboat. This report is positively denied in official circles, who affirm that nothing of the kind occurred, but that the story is made from whole cloth. It is admitted that the steamer landed on the south side of the island, but it is alleged that there was no fighting. It is furthermore stated that only a part of the cargo was secured by Gomez, the Spanish coast guards having captured a good portion.

The Three Friends is here, lying under the guns of the Raleigh. Captain Lewis refuses to say anything about his trip, save that he had been after derelicts. As to the story of a fight he professes ignorance. None of the crew can be induced to speak of the affair. The vessel does not bear any marks of conflict, and the report is doubted here.

Havana advices are that Gomez' advance guard has captured the town of Las Passega, in Santa Clara province, taking the entire garrison and all their stores. A battalion of fresh troops was sent to Matanzas yesterday morning from Havana to be sent to the front. Great exertions are being made to get a strong force to oppose General Gomez, and three lines are being formed to get the Cubans entangled in between them and crushed.

Very Important, if True.

London, Dec. 26.—The Times Paris correspondent says: "The Washington government has been confidentially informed, although in very friendly terms, that the European powers would not remain passive should the United States recognize or encourage the Cuban insurgents. If my information is correct an intimation has been further given that Germany is quite ready, even now, to take Spain's side should the United States show a disposition officially to side with the rebels. These warnings originated in the course of pour parlers for a European coalition against revolutionary socialism."

Isn't This the First on Record?

Denver, Dec. 26.—The state supreme court has denied the application for a rehearing in the case of Sheriff Newman, of Lake county (Leadville), sentenced to six months' imprisonment and retirement from office on a charge of malfeasance. The judgment against Newman will probably be carried into effect within a few days. Governor McIntire has announced that if a successor to Newman be appointed who will enforce the laws in good faith he will withdraw the troops from Leadville.

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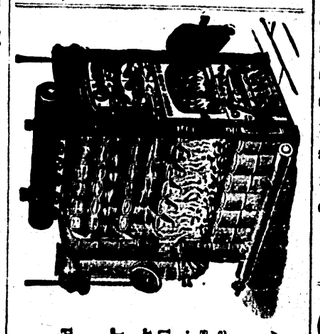

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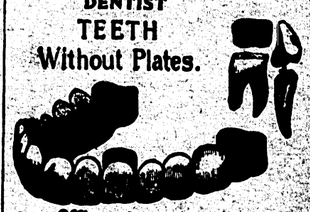

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President Young says the strike is off as far as the supreme council of the union is concerned. He admits that some of the men having already disregarded the action of the conference committee may ignore the ultimatum of the supreme council and inaugurate another strike. It is generally thought among the conductors and motormen that the action of the supreme council means that the managers have until next Monday to sign an agreement submitted by the men recognizing them as a union instead of individuals. If the company refuses to do this another strike may be ordered.

Talk of Electing New Leaders.

The more radical of the men say that heretofore the supreme council and the conference committee have failed to represent the sentiments of the union. One of the men said that if the company refused to recognize its conductors and motormen as a union, and the present council did not order a strike, the resignation of the present members would be demanded and a new council representing the sentiments of the men would be installed. The conservative members, however, argue that a strike now would be the height of folly. In the event of a strike being ordered many of these men would refuse to go out. Yesterday and Thursday the recruiting office of the West End registered about 1,000 men who are supposed to be competent, besides receiving hundreds of applications by mail.

END OF THE CHRISTMAS STRIKE.

Leaders of the Union Finally Convince the Men of Their Error.

The speedy ending of the strike began to be anticipated Thursday afternoon when, in spite of the efforts of the union men, the employes of the South Boston lines refused to join in the movement, and until early in the evening these cars were almost the only ones to be seen on the streets. By 6 o'clock, however, one or two cars of the Grove Hall line were seen and later a few desultory trips were made on the other lines. Meanwhile the executive council of the union was trying to convince the importunate strikers that the movement could not be expected to succeed when it had been begun in violation of the promise of the council to defer the strike until the directors of the road should have time to consider the agreement presented by the men.

At last the argument of the company prevailed, and although the decision to declare the strike off is not satisfactory to many of the employes, the subject has been presented to them in such a light that they can see no other way of maintaining the honor of their committee, or of their union. As soon as the news of the committee's action became known preparations were made to reopen operations on all lines. At the usual hour the men began to report, and while some changes were made, owing necessarily to the general withdrawal of the cars, at 10 o'clock, there was little to indicate that anything unusual had occurred.

The action of the company in discharging so many men is in the line of its ultimatum issued Thursday that those who did not return to work at a certain hour would be considered as having quit the company's service. True to this the company engaged such of its old employes as it desired, but declined the services of those prominently identified with the strike.

CECIL RHODES NOT A "DEAD DUCK."

Gives His Views of the Proper Policy for British in Africa.

Fort Elizabeth, Cape Colony, Dec. 26.—At a banquet tendered to Cecil Rhodes here he made at speech in the course of which he declared tha his public life was not ended, and that he would not give up his seat in parliament until he was turned out. He asserted that no savage country can remain a part of Africa. Cape Colony, he said, must be the dominant power south of Central Africa. His idea was to assimilate the tariffs and not the peoples. This, he said, could be done in the north. It was not a question of race, but of unity. He urged his hearers to cultivate a closer union with other South African communities. He stated that when he was negotiating with the late Charles Stewart Parnell, the latter had promised him that a clause should be inserted in the home rule bill which would permit representatives from the colonies to sit at Westminster.

Senator Voorhees' Secretary Dead.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Chester H. Faulkner, the private secretary of Senator Voorhees, of Indiana, who was knocked down Thursday night by a street car, died at Providence hospital yesterday afternoon. He never recovered from the shock consequent upon the amputation of his leg, which was a necessary result of the accident.

Weston on a Tramp Again.

New York, Dec. 26.—Edward Weston, the 58-year-old pedestria, last night, began a twenty-four hours' walk in an effort to equal his record of 112 miles. His track is built around the ice in a big skating rink. At 2 o'clock this morning, four hours after the start, Weston had covered twenty miles.

Vice President Goes to St. Louis.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Vice President and Mrs. Stevenson and their daughter left here yesterday for St. Louis, where they will be present at the wedding of Miss Julia Scott, niece of Mrs. Stevenson, to Carl Vrooman, of Baltimore, which will take place Monday evening in St. Louis.

CHRISTMAS BLAZE.

Causes a Panic and Entails a Loss of Half a Million Dollars.

New York, Dec. 26.—Fire yesterday morning destroyed two big buildings on East Thirty-third street, partially destroyed the New York Polyclinic hospital and compelled the removal of its patients, drove two score of families from their homes in adjoining buildings, and did $500,000 damage. The structures which were destroyed were a five-story building at 211 and 213 East Thirty-third street, used partly as an office building, and a big six-story building at 213 to 231 used as a factory building. The first and second floors of 211 and 213 were used as offices and displayed rooms for the Kaldenburg Manufacturing company, which occupied with its factory the basement and first and second floors of the factory building. The company manufactures pipes and smokers' articles. The third, fourth and fifth floors front of 211 and 213 were occupied as offices by the Sebastian Sommer Piano company and the Gibson Piano company, allied concerns which had their factory in the upper floors of the factory building. The rear part of the upper floors of 211 and 213 was occupied by the snuff factory of Adolph Pluner. It is believed that the fire started in the snuff factory.

Had to Move the Sick People.

A part of the top floor of the factory building was occupied by the New England Car Spring company. The fire in East Thirty-third street had been burning from 6 o'clock until 7 o'clock before any real alarm was felt in the Polyclinic, though the patients knew there was a fire in the neighborhood. Suddenly the roof of the hospital, which is on Thirty-fourth street, burst into flames. The physicians in charge at once decided to remove the fifty-eight patients, and the Delaware hotel, nearby, was placed at the disposal of the Polyclinic officials. A squad of police men began the removal of the sick people, thirteen children being carried out without trouble. There was more trouble with the adult patients. Patients who should not have left their cots defied the nurses and tried to escape. None of the patients will suffer from the change.

Panic in the Tenement House.

In the tenement house just west of the burning building lived twenty-four families. The mothers and fathers watched the firemen with indifference from their windows, while their children played with Christmas toys. Suddenly terror seized them as onlookers cried: "Run for your lives. The wall is going to fall on you." Mothers picked up their little ones and ran to the street. Others refused to leave. The police shoved the men and women down the stairs and picked the children from the floors, carrying them out. Most of them were in their night clothes, and each one was clinging to a toy. The roof of the factory building fell within an hour after the fire was discovered. The wall to the west tumbled upon the tenement house. The east wall went down on Schuller's hotel. The loss of half a million is well covered by insurance.

WIFE MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Details of the Work of a Miscreant Who Used a Shotgun.

Peoria, Ills., Dec. 26.—Ebbon Scott, a teamster, shot his wife in the left shoulder and left side of the neck with a shotgun, inflicting wounds which may result in her death, and later blew the top of his head off with the same gun. He was down-town during the afternoon and on his return he asked her to spend Christmas with his relatives in Eureka. She refused because she had purchased a Christmas tree and presents for their only son, and he threatened to kill her.

All through the evening he quarreled with her and finally the quarrel became so violent the boy ran out on the street in search of an officer, whom he found on the next corner. Just as the policeman entered the house Scott fired the shot which took effect in the left shoulder and left side of the neck of his wife. Scott ran out the rear door pursued by the policeman and soon escaped. He went directly to the river bank, where he shot himself, though his body was not discovered until 8 o'clock next morning. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict of suicide.

Took Peter Just Twenty-Seven Seconds.

New York, Dec. 26.—It just took twenty-seven seconds' time for Peter Maher, the Irish pugilist, to again demonstrate his superiority in ring tactics and hard hitting qualities over Steve O'Donnell, the Australian boxer, in the arena of the Greater New York Athletic club at Coney Island. Both men were in excellent condition and trained to the hour. During the round Maher knocked Steve down twice, the last time being a knockout.

Fatal Accident on a Trolley Line.

Allentown, Pa., Dec. 26.—Five persons were injured and one killed yesterday afternoon in East Allentown in a grade crossing accident. A passenger train on the Central railroad of New Jersey struck a trolley car. L. J. Ware, aged 49, the motorman, was instantly killed. The injured are George Gresser, trolley car conductor; Mr. and Mrs. John Brink; Gehman and Ed Werg. None of their injuries are serious.

Queen Lil Is at Boston.

Boston, Dec. 26.—Queen Liliuokalani, of Hawaii, arrived from New York last night and was met at the Park station by William Lee, of the publishing firm of Lee & Shepard, together with his wife and daughter. After cordial greetings the party was driven to the Parker House, where the ex-queen willl have a spacious suite during her stay in this city.

Well-Known Lawyer Dies at Dinner.

New York, Dec. 26. — John Drake Townsend, the well-known lawyer, died suddenly at a Christmas dinner last night.

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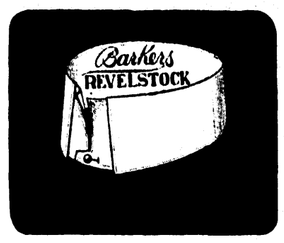

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DR. C. N. SOWERS drew the elegant banquet lamp at Dr. George M. Bell & Co.'s yesterday.

MRS. G. Wald, Wayne street, entertained a company of young people at dinner yesterday.

THE merchants generally are rejoicing over a better Christmas trade than they had anticipated.

THERE will be a Sunday school concert at the Methodist church tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock.

THE grand ball to be given by Frazell's band next Wednesday night promises to be well attended.

THE Misses Frances and Cora Hull are entertaining their Sunday school classes at their home on Park street this afternoon.

MISSES Katherine Raub and Katherine Burke will receive New Year's from 3 to 5 o'clock, rt the home of Miss Burke, 161 Pipestone street.

FRAZELL'S orchestra played for a dance in Keeler last night which was attended by some young men of this city who wore full dress suits.

A LETTER from Frank Kelley tells of their save arrival in Los Angeles, on the 18. They found calla lillies and roses in bloom, also good big oranges for 10 cents per dozen.

SKATING has been resumed on the river and along the Big Four railway. Yesterday large parties of young men and ladies took advantage of the opportunity to enjoy the ice.

OLA Peterson and Knute Johnson, Swedes, were arrested yesterday for disturbing the quiet of the city. They were both intoxicated and this morning paid fines of $2 each assessed by Justice Hammond.

THE meeting of the grangers at Hotel Benton this afternoon was largely attended. No conclusion in regard to either the package or commission business had been reached at 3 o'clock. None but grangers were admitted.

CHARLES G. Davies, the manager of the Great Northern iron works, made each one of the employes of the company a Christmas present of a large fat turkey. The men think there is no boss as good as Mr. Davies and they are about right.

THE hot air furnaces in the Hotel Higbee, which have been put in working order, are a great success. Mrs. Sowers, the landlady says that the temperature in the hotel now reminds her of the summer heat in Florida during her sojurn there last winter.

THIS freezing weather and mantle of snow Providence has kindly spread over the earth will have the effect of sending Colfax avenue residents to their knees in prayers of thankfulness for the deliverance these conditions provide from the nauseating odors that are carried on the breezes from the city dumping grounds.

BE sure and keep Friday evening, January 1, in mind, the old maids' convention by the Universalist ladies, at Conkey's hall. The two step will not be "in it" with Keziah Couche's seven step old time Janey dance and Aurora Boreales Firkenbender will play on the melodian just beautiful in the exercises of the convention.

COLOMA Courier: The Courier suggests to the Methodist people that they restrict the ringing of their church bell to someone who can ring it, and not allow children and the inexperienced to continually startle our citizens by ringing fire alarms. There should be one way of ringing it to call people to church, and another to alarm them of a fire.

THE Henry C. Rowe circle, ladies of the G. A. R. met Wednesday, December 23, and elected the following officers: President, Mrs. Alonzo Plummer; senior vice president, Mrs. S. F. Curtis; junior vice president, Mrs. C. K. Hendrix; treasurer, Mrs. George W. Fales; chaplain, Mrs. Dr. Brooks; conductor, Mrs. M. E. Pulver; guard, Mrs. C. Hollis; organist, Mrs. George Wright.

SPECIAL Christmas services at the Congregational church in the morning. The service will begin with the "Angels Trio" by Mesdames Wentworth, Cady and Cole. Anthem, "It is the blessed Christmas Morn," Soprano solo by Mrs. Wentworth, violin obligato by Miss Florence George, followed by a soprano obligato, violin obligato and chorus of 16 voices and organ accompaniment. In the evening the ladies quartette consisting of Mesdames Wentworth, Cady, Kelly and Cole will sing.

Well-Known Mining Man Shot Dead.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 26.—In a shooting scrape at the Southern Cross mine in Deer Lodge county D. A. Riley, a well-known mining man, was shot through the heart and instantly killed and John McIntyre, his slayer, also received a bullet in his right hand. McIntyre immediately after the shooting went to Anconda and gave himself up to the authorities, saying that he had shot in self-defense.

Saw Their Way Out of Jail.

Fort Scott, Kan., Dec. 26.—Five prisoners sawed out of the county jail here and are at large. They are Charles Kelly, Thomas Showman, James Strode, John Grey and William Ryan.

Attention Maccabees

Sir Knights of Benton Tent, K. O. T. M., take notice! There will be an adjourned meeting of the tent this Saturday evening, (Dec. 26) at 7:30 o'clock, for the perpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and the transacting of other important business. Every member is urged to be present.

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Save your money. But if you must get rid of it spend it on good things like those fine candies at Bird's drug store.

PERSONAL.

—Fred Vincent has returned from a trip to Florida.

—John Dempster of Chicago is visiting relatives here.

—Miss Flora McDonald has recovered after a slight illness.

—Peter English spent Christmas with his family here.

—Leslie Wright of Chicago is visiting friends in the city.

—Miss Flora Hickmont is visiting relatives in Dowagiac.

—Myron Puterbaugh of Eau Claire is visiting friends here.

—George Quick of Newaygo is visiting his old friend Dr. Freemyer.

—D. H. Bower of the Buchanan Record, was in the city yesterday.

—Miss A. Willard of Galion is the guest of her brother, Vern Willard.

—Samuel Hull came over from Chicago to spend Christmas with his family.

—Miss Mabel Easelhorst of Eau Claire is visiting friends in both cities.

—Mrs. J. Gibbons, of Indianapolis, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. L. Wilcox.

—Mrs. S. E. Horne is spending the holidays in Chicago with her daughter, Nora.

—Miss Myrtle Warren is spending the holidays with her sister in Charlotte.

—Lewis Kneibus of Marion, Ind., spent Christmas with his parents in this city.

—Mrs. Lillian Noe and Miss Netta Eldred are at home from Chicago for a few days.

—John Reed who left this city a year ago for a trip through the far west has returned.

—Mrs. J. Wyant is visiting her mother, Mrs. A. L. Wilcox of the Hotel Phoenix.

—Mrs. H. C. Pray of Dowagiac is visiting her mother Mrs. E. Johnson, Pipestone street.

—Mrs. M. A. Price is visiting her mother, Mrs. Sowers of the Hotel Higbee, for a few days.

—W. E. Brooks, jr., of St. Louis, Mo., is the guest of his father, Rev. Dr. Brooks, of this city.

—Will Parsal who is employed in Chicago spent Christmas with his mother in this city.

—Dr. Freemyer returned yesterday from Ferry where he was called on professional business.

—Mrs. Mary Brunson and daughter Maud of South Bend are the guests of Samuel Bishop.

—Martin Babcock, of Manton, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. A. L. Wilcox of the Phoenix hotel.

—Mrs. F. M. Sowers returned home from Battle Creek Thursday evening, greatly improved in health.

—G. W. Darling, who has been in the city for two weeks, returned to his home in Decatur last evening.

—Miss DeEtta Curry a teacher in the schools at Hammond Ind., is visiting her mother and friends here.

—Frank L. Tarbell of Wheaton, Ill., college is spending a few days with his grandmother, Mrs. S. G. Antisdale.

—Miss Lizzie Hewson left this morning for Coloma where she will remain a week the guest of Jerome Pitcher's.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fyfe of Indianapolis, Mr. and and Mrs. C. D. Cole of Chicago, are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Antisdale.

—Coloma Courier: Louis Koob and wife of Benton Harbor spent Sunday at the plessant farm of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Koob, in South Coloma.

—J. W. McEachren, of Chicago, accompanied by his wife, is the guest of the latter's parents in this city. Mr. McEachren is an editorial writer on the Chicago Evening Post.

—Mrs. William Bowers a daughter of J. N. Chaddock of this city died suddenly at her home in Chicago this morning. Mr. Chaddock and son R. P. Chaddock left this afternoon to attend the funeral.

—Nora Crandall returned from Dowagiac today, where she went Tuesday to attend the wedding of her cousin, Miss Grace Emmons to John Tichenor, of Buchanan, which occurred Wednesday, December 23, at high noon.

Indiana Auditors Get no Fees.

Indianapolis, Dec. 25.—The supreme court has affirmed the decision of the circuit court of Vanderburgh county refusing to allow the claim of the auditor of that county for services under the provisions of the fee and salary law of 1879. The court holds that the fee and salary law of 1895, which provides that county officials shall receive a fixed salary without fees, is constitutional and valid.

Vandervoort Issues a Call.

Omaha, Dec. 25.—Paul Vandervoort, president of the National Reform Press association, has issued a call for the annual meeting of the organization at Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 22, 1897. This organization is composed of Populist papers as an auxiliary to the National Farmers' Alliance, and opposed the Bryan fusion in this section at the election.

Block Worth $100,000 Burned.

Anderson, Ind., Dec. 25.—The Loeb-Brunt block, one of the largest in the gas belt, has been destroyed by fire, and the loss will not fall below $100,000. This is the third fire on this site, two opera houses, costing $48,000, having been previously destroyed.

Q. What is sweeter than life? Ans. A box of Bird's candy. Bird always keeps the best.

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FIRST M. E. CHURCH.—W. P. French, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 and 7 p. m. Sunday school at noon. Epworth League at 6:00.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.—Rev. George B Simons, pastor. The morning topic will be "Past, Present and Future." In the evening the Fourth Gospel Rally will be held. Singing by the chorus choir and short sermon by the pastor. Sunday school, 12 m.; meeting for Juniors, 3:30 p. m.; Young People's meeting, 5:30 p. m. The Christmas decorations will remain in position over Sunday.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—Rev. W. E. Brooks, D. D., pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 12 m. Junior C. E. at 3 p. m. Meeting of Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:00 p. m. Evening worship at 7 o'clock. All, especially strangers, cordially invited.

UNIVERSALIST.—Pleasant street, Rev. George A. Sahlin, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Morning subject, "Christmas Joy;" Evening, "The Cuban Question, a Problem in Patriotism." Sunday school 12 m. Y. P. C. U. 6:00 p. m.

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HOLY TRINITY.—Sermon at 10:30 a. m. by the rector, Rev. M. S. Woodruff. Evening services at 7:00 p. m., Sunday school at 12 m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.—Mass at St. John's church on Columbus avenue at 8 and 10:30 o'clock a. m. Rev. Father Mulcahy, pastor.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH—Rev. T. C. Johnson, pastor. The pastor will preach at 10:30 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 12 o'clock. B. Y. P. U. meeting at 6:30 p. m. All are welcome.

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BOTH GAY AND SAD.

Were the Christmas Exercises Held in the Various City Churches Yesterday.

GORGEOUS DECORATIONS SEEN

Happy Sunday School Pupils Are Made Happier by Santa Claus' Joyous Visits.

Santa Claus is certainly ubiquitous. So is his wife.

This very amiable pair appeared in a half dozen different places Thursday night at the same hour and in different raiment.

Santa denied his wife participation in the festivities of several of the city churches, but the blithsome little folks did not mourn over her absence. Their hearts were as light, their laughter was as gay and their joy was as unconfined as though Mrs. Santa was present.

The exercises everywhere were attended by large audiences. Midgets under three years of age appeared before crowded pews and lisped touching little Christmas stories, sang songs and were cheered with all the energy of an animated heart. It was a gladdening picture. The beaming countenances of the children were interesting, and the restless attitudes with which they awaited the advent of Santa Claus was observed with great delight.

Jacob's Ladder.

A ladder reaching from the rostrum to a golden gate in the dome of the alcove where the pipe organ rests, greeted the visitors at the Methodist church. There was the legendary eastern star which the shepards saw when the babe of Bethlehem fame was born, and pretty trimmings of evergreen decorated the walls. "Glory to God on the Highest. Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward Men," was printed in flaming letters across the galleries. The ladder was intended to represent the one that Jacob saw in his dream, reaching from earth to heaven, upon which were angels ascending and descending. The story of Jacob's dream was related by Rev. French.

Little Gladdys Morrow, so small that she had to be lifted to the platform, delighted the audience with a recitation. She smilingly responded to an encore. Roy Bateman, Laura Earl, Grace Anderson, Hazel Colgrove and Georgana Morrow repeated pretty poems. A vocal quartet by S. W. Barker, Ray Ayers, and the Misses Lilian Williamson and Ida Edgcumbe closed the literary program.

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, represented by Claud Ayers and Miss Francis Hull, were then introduced and the distribution of presents to the Sunday School pupils began.

Fairies and Brownies.

Brownies and sweet-faced fairies, flitting hither and thither in the audience, delivering parcels to those designated by the irrepressible Santa Claus as entitled to remembrance, was the scene unfolded at the Universalist church to those who entered after 8 o'clock.

A cantata in three parts, introducing brownies, fairies and Santa Claus, comprised the exercises. In the first part the captain of the brownies appeared and read a cablogram from Santa Claus declaring that the gloomy times had served him to seek the magic aid of the queen of the fairies to enable him to fill the empty stockings. He feared the queen had failed him and he summoned the captain of the brownies and his band to come to his dominion.

The second part revealed the brownies' cave and the brownies at work laying brick, the brick being boxes containing candy. The brownies were surprised at their work by the entrance of the fairy queen and her throng. The captain of the brownies unfolded the predicament of Santa Claus to the queen who declared that Santa must not be dismayed, and by her magic hand she converted the common brick into boxes of candy which, in the third part, were carried to Santa Claus in his cave on hods.

The choruses were beautiful and the story of the cantata was nicely presented. Fred A. Hobbs appeared as Santa Claus.

Beautiful Decorations.

The First Baptist church was not large enough to hold the crowd which assembled to witness the Christmas exercises of the church Thursday night.

The church was beautifully decorated with evergreen which hung in festoons and wreaths from the walls and chandeliers. On the platform was a large Christmas tree and a house with a huge chimney and above was one mass of evergreen.

The first part of the program was participated in by the children. It was opened by a pipe organ solo by Fred Null, which was followed by an anthem by the choir under the direction of Dr. Kneeland. Dr. Votey's little daughter, aged two years, repeated the one hundreth psalm, after which Rev. Simon invoked the divine blessing. Miss Bisbee's class of little girls sang a song. The wreath drill by eight little girls, led by Miss Rapp and Lulu Van Dusen was very pretty and created loud applause.

When it came time for Santa Claus to put in his appearance the side of the house was pulled open and a pretty interior home scene was represented showing the fire place and the stockings hanging up waiting to be filled by Santa, who suddenly made his appearance down the chimney much to the amusement of everyone. The good old man was cleverly impersonated by John Prideaux who was dressed fit costume. The children were presented with candy, oranges and nuts, while Rev. George B. Simons received a study chair and the Sunday school was presented with a miniature church made in 1776 and a perfect fac simile of the Baptist church with a place in the chimney to receive birthday offerings. This clever piece of work was made by C. W. Van Dusen who also deserves the credit for the decorations.

His Bald Head Saved Him.

The Christmas cantata given at the Congregational church Thursday night was witnessed by a large crowd of people and many words of praise and commendation were heard on every side for the leaders, Chorister A. P. Cady and Miss Ina Forton, who have been untiring in their efforts to make this a great success.

A large number of delegates, representing different nations, met for a convention in Santa Land but on reaching a certain point in their route they could find no one who could direct them when Uncle Sam came forward with his usual generosity and kindly consented to take them all there in his Union sleigh. The convention was very enjoyable and Mrs. Cole, as Mammy, with her pickaninnies won fresh laurels with her lullaby song, and Harry Hinkley captured the audience with the Chinaman song. Much merriment was created by the funny costumes and dialects of the actors.

A very unlooked for interruption occurred between the second and third acts. Just as the organist, A. W. Nelson, was about to begin an organ solo the Indian, Frank Welton, rushed out from behind the scenes with a war whoop and was about to add another scalp to the already large number that dangled from his belt but after a moment's contemplation he turned away in great disappointment and quietly retired. Mr. Nelson is bald.

In the last scene 14 little boys and girls dressed as cupids and fairies under the direction of Miss Ina Forton gave a very pretty exhibition.

The entertainment so greatly pleased the people that a request for its repetition has been made and in case it is decided to repeat it the date will be announced later.

At the Catholic Church

The Catholic church, ever mindful of the sacred festival of Christmas celebrates the day wherever her faithful children are assembled, with all the pomp and magnificence of her ritual. She puts on her brightest array, bedecks her altars with increased splendor, burns her brightest lights and chants her glorious anthems to the praise and glory of the Messiah. Here, in the city, the faithful of the church were not negligent of their duty and devotion to the solemn day. The altars of the church were decorated with evergreens, and lighted up with a forest of tapers presented an imposing appearance. In front of the main altar, in semicircular form, in large letters, appeared the words, "Gloria in excelsis Deo," surrounded with many lights. Masses were celebrated from early morning, all of which were attended by a large and devout congregation. At half past ten solemn high mass was celebrated by the reverend pastor, the choir rendering the responses with their usual ability. The singing of the "Venite Adorenus" was rendered in a manner hardly to be excelled in any of the large city churches and the choir is to be congratulated on the careful and able rendition of the program selected for the day.

Rev. Father Cooney, of Notre Dame, preached an eloquent sermon, pointing out the duties of the Christian in the worthy celebration of the day and his discourse was listened to throughout with great attention. The reverend gentleman is a forcible and eloquent pulpit orator and holds his audience from beginning to end by his brilliant arguments and striking points of illustration.

The forty hours' adoration begins on tomorrow.

Fairies Cheer the Waifs

A very beautiful and touching Christmas entertainment was given last evening by the children of the Christian church at Conkey's hall and was attended by over 700 people. Sixty children faultlessly took part in the program. They had been drilled for six weeks by Mrs. J. H. Bicknell and Mrs. J. L. Romig. The stage was divided into two parts. On one side were the "busy bees," Sunday school children making Christmas presents for the poor and on the other side Santa Claus and his fairies dressed in white with spotless wings.

Little Miss Fannie Allmendinger appeared in her bare feet and night dress and with a lighted candle in one hand and a rag doll in her arm was searching through the dark house looking for Santa Claus.

Two street waifs—Mabel Byers and Dick Whelan—appeared in rags and with looks of distress. They had an empty basket and were looking for Santa Claus. They could not find him and in despair they sang, "Nobody cares if we hunger and die." Tears were to be seen in many eyes throughout the audience as the little boy lay down to die. His companion took off her scanty shawl and laid it tenderly over the little boy and then she too laid down to sleep expecting never to wake again. While the ragged children were sleeping Santa Claus came and his fairies filled the basket with clothing and all the things that makes glad the hearts of children at Christmas time. When they awoke the scene was very pathetic.

Another special feature was the appearance of three colored bootblacks, Reuben Durkee, Irvin Stark and Cecil Beith.

Parents Entertained.

The Misses Forton, who are conducting a very successful kindergarten on Pavonia street, received the parents of their pupils Wednesday forenoon between 9 and 12 o'clock. Dainty cups of cocoa and wafers were served. A Christmas tree, decorated with the work of the pupils, was an interesting attraction. The pupils were also served with sweetmeats. The event marked the closing of the school for this year. It will reopen the first Monday in January. The training received by children at this newly founded institution is highly beneficial and the school is fast acquiring a reputation.

HE KILLED HIS SON

Sad Accident in the Vandeveer Family at Coloma Yesterday.

FATHER AND SON OUT HUNTING

The Father's Firearm Accidentally Discharged, Producing Fatal Injuries to the Son.

COLOMA, Dec. 26—Christmas day, 1896, will be remembered as the saddest day in the history of the Vandeveer family who live north of this village. Yesterday forenoon Tracy, the 17-year old son of John Vandeveer, was shot by his father and died from the effects of his injuries before Christmas was passed.

In the morning father and son left home to hunt during the forenoon. About 9 o'clock the son, while bending over to put a ferret in a hollow log, received in his back the contents of a gun accidentally discharged while in the father's hands.

Physicians were summoned immediately from Coloma and Watervliet, and everything was done for the sufferer which medical science could devise, but the wounds proved fatal. It was ascertained that the gun wad entered one of the kidneys.

Sorrow over the sad event is very general. John Vandeveer served this township on the county board of supervisors for a number of years, and is highly respected. In his great grief he has the sincere sympathy of hundreds of friends.

The funeral services will be held next Sunday forenoon.

ABOUT THE COUNTY.

Eau Claire

EAU CLAIRE, Dec. 26.—Christmas was appropriately celebrated by the churches of this place. The Methodist church had a Christmas house and the Sunday school presented the cantata of "Mother Goose" and the audience was delighted. The Christian church was beautifully decorated and departed from the usual custom somewhat by building a fine representation of a settler's log cabin in a winter scene. The United Brethren had the usual and always pleasing Christmas tree. Several families had trees in their own homes.

Robert Farmer, one of the leading citizens of this place spent a merrier Christmas than usual this year. This is accounted for by the fact that he was married the day before to Miss Allie Shaw of Hinchman.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ward entertained Mr. and Mrs. Allen Dunning, Edwardsburg and W. W. Warren, Dowagiac, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Done, South Bend, and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McKhain, Elkhart. Mr. and Mrs. Miles Davis entertained Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Ferry of Benton Harbor.

The friends of Rev. C. P. Birdsey presented him with a beautiful office chair as a Christmas gift.

Reds Are Ahead.

The Y. M. C. A. membership contest is growing more interesting as the time for its conclusion approaches. The Blues have been in the lead, but the Reds' efforts have witnessed a steady gain until they now lead their opponents by a margin of one. The contest now stands 13 to 12. It will close next Thursday night at 12 o'clock.

Marriage Licenses

Parke A. Summerland, 22, Wabash, Ind.; Eva Henney, 21, North Manchester, Ind.

New Advertisements

Puterbaugh & Rapp are having their special pre-inventory sale and are offering great bargains, especially in cloaks and jackets.

E. W. Moore & Co. are offering men's underwear at the lowest price.

Hirsch Bros. have a new ad on the first page.

George M. Bell & Co. will sell what remains of their holiday stock at less than cost for one week only.

Herr Bros. window sale will continue for one more week.

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FOUR GENERATIONS.

Represented in a Benton Harbor Family Reunion.

The three brothers and only sister of Mrs. E. C. Stanley, residing with her daughter, Mrs. Samuel Neal on Territorial street, surprised her with a visit last Wednesday, the date of her seventy-fifth birthday. There were present also a daughter, Mrs. Wilcox, and her son of Antrim county; a granddaughter, Mrs. B. McKee of this city, and three great-grand children, representing four generations.

The names and ages of the brothers and sisters follow: Mrs. E. C. Stanley, 75; Mrs. H. M. Barry, 74; C. M. Guy, 83; J. M. Guy, 81; T. D. Guy, 60, their ages aggregating 334 years.

A BAD CUT.

A Swede Named John Bronque Received One.

John Bronque, a Swede who has been working on the St. Joseph Valley road but who has lately been employed in the brick yard of George Peterson, got into bad company Christmas eve and as a result will be laid up for some time.

He in company with several Swedes who had been celebrating the event of Christmas by indulging too freely in poor whiskey, got in a dispute which ended by Mr. Bronque receiving a cut in the back of the neck by a knife in the hands of one of his companions.

The fight occurred near the corner of Territorial and Water streets and Mr. Bronque walked a short distance when he was seen by William Hix who assisted him to William Cone's lodging house where Dr. Votey sewed up the gaping wound, it requiring twelve stitches.

Another Charge

J. M. Ball arrived this morning from Chicago and at once made complaint against Ole Stanley and Frank Davenport, charging them with burglarizing his residence on the Lake Shore road. There are two charges now resting against the young men. They were previously held on the charge of the larceny of a watch and revolver from Engineer Taylor of the St. Joseph paper mill.

Married at Hotel Whitcomb.

Yesterday afternoon Parke A. Summerland, of Wabash, Ind., and Eva Henney, of North Manchester, Ind., were united in marriage at the Whitcomb hotel in St. Joseph by Rev. James Hamilton.

CHRISTMAS AT THE MAJOR'S.

President-Elect Dines with His Mother—Many Presents Received.

Canton, O., Dec. 25.—Major McKinley enjoyed a sleigh ride Thursday morning and with Mrs. McKinley sharing the pleasure enjoying hearty two hours in the crisp, bracing atmosphere. Mrs. McKinley was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. M. C. Barber, and the latter in turn gave her place in the sleigh to others. Both the president-elect and his wife feel greatly improved by their recent visit to Chicago and are in excellent spirits.

A number of Christmas presents have arrived for Major and Mrs. McKinley from relatives and friends in different parts of the country, books forming a prominent part of those holiday mementoes. Letters and telegrams innumerable were received during the day containing wishes of a merry Christmas to the president-elect and his wife. Among the distinguished visitors were Colonel Fred D. Grant and family, who reached the city from New York en route to Chicago, where they go to pass the Christmas with friends.

Hon. A. T. Wimberly, of Louisiana, was also a caller Thursday morning. Wimberly is prominent in the Louisiana political field, but says he is here to make only a social call on the president elect. He left for Washington at 2:05 Thursday afternoon.

Major and Mrs. McKinley always take dinner Christmas Day with Mother McKinley. This has been the custom for years.

From McKinley to Hanna.

Cleveland, Dec. 25.—Ex-Governor Prince, of New Mexico, who was among those calling upon the president-elect at Canton Wednesday, arrived in Cleveland Thursday morning, and was closeted with Chairman Hanna at the latter's office for a brief time.

Senator Allison Able To Be About.

Dubuque, Ia., Dec. 25.—For the first time in a month Senator Allison left his home Thursday and took a short sleigh ride about the city. He expects to leave for Washington immediately after the holidays.

Issued a Fraud Order.

Washington, Dec. 25.—The postmaster general has issued a fraud order against the Illinois Mercantile agency, of Rockford, Ills.

New Milch Cows for Sale.

Six new milch cows for sale by E. WOOLAVITT.
3846d Watervliet, Mich.

Pure minded people desiring to innocently limit size of family, address for receipt, been in use for years. Never fails. Price $1. Mrs. V. Lamont general delivery, Minneapolis, Minn. 3846

Stockholders' Meeting Notice.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Excelsior Gas company will occur on Tuesday, January 19, 1897, at 2:30 p. m. at the office of the company, 107 East Main street, this city. J. S. MORTON, secretary.

Benton Harbor, Mich., Dec. 26, 1896.

APPEAR SURPRISED.

Law and Order Women Mean to Continue the Prosecution of Saloonists.

DAZED BY CONTRARY REPORTS.

Claim They Did Not Authorize the Withdrawal of the Complaints.

THE EVENING NEWS has received the following letter which explains itself.

EDITOR EVENING NEWS:—Please publish the following:

The St. Joseph law and order league has decided to withdraw its charges—twenty-three of them—against liquor dealers in that place. Berrien Springs Era.

Last week twenty-three cases which had been brought against liquor sellers had to be dropped for lack of evidence. Detroit Free Press.

On seeing the above, we think it calls upon us to give a true and correct statement of these cases. Last summer nine saloon keepers were arrested in St. Joseph by the law and order league for violating the Sunday closing liquor law. They all appeared in the justice's court, waived examination, was bound over to the October court, under bonds of $100 each, it was stated at the beginning of this court that those cases were to be tried this term

The complaining witnesses have waited anxiously and expected to be notified, and was ready to appear any day for the hearing of those cases, now we see in the paper and that is all we know about it as we have not heard a word from the court) that the league had decided to withdraw its charges against the liquor dealers in that place.

We are very much surprised at these proceedings, as we never will withdraw our charges against them, and if there is any law in the state of Michigan, (and we believe there is) that we can bring these cases into court again, we will do it, for we have positive proof they are guilty of the charges.

MRS. F. J. HADLOCK.
MRS. LIZZIE CALWELL.

Real Estate Transfers.

Susie Nixon to Lewis B. Nixon, 40 acres in sec. 27, town 6.

Catharine Baskins to John R. Eastman, 80 acres in Pipestone township, $112.50.

Anna E. Davis to Catharine Baskins, 80 acres in Pipestone township, $112.50.

Frances A. Ogden to Buchanan & St. Joseph River R. R. right of way across farm, $1,125.

William G. Newland to John Robinson, lot 16 and part of lot 15, block 36, Central add to Benton Harbor, $1000.

Coddington B. Farnsworth to Jacob Noel, w ½ of ne ¼ of sec. 11, town 8, $1,000.

Charles Hillman to Sarah Hillman, 40 acres in New Buffalo township, $1,000.

Boats and Seamen.

The steamer City of Duluth cleared last night for Chicago.

The Jay Gould left today for Chicago and will return tomorrow morning with a heavy cargo of freight.

The steamer City of Louisville arrived from Milwaukee today.

Plagiarized His Winning Effort.

Crawfordsville, Ind., Dec. 25.—Wabash college circles are astonished over the announcement that Charles M. Rauch, the college representative to the state oratorical contest, had plagiarized the oration he delivered at the primary contest last week. In the audience sat Professor McLain, who recognized in the splendid oration on the Armenian question the greater portion of a sermon recently delivered by Dr. Lyman Abbott and published in last week's Outlook. Having confirmed his belief the professor confronted Rauch, who at once confessed. The high honor is taken from Rauch, and O. M. Duncan, who took second, will represent Wabash.

"About a year ago I was confined to my bed with chronic rheumatism and failed to receive help from my physician. I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and was soon able to be around and I am now enjoying good health." Miss Cora Moore, Howard City, Mich.

HOOD'S PILLS act harmoniously with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Have you got good teeth? Stick them into Bird's fine taffy. Bird always sells the best.

Nickle alarm clocks are down at Holli- & Son's, at 75 cents, that's right.

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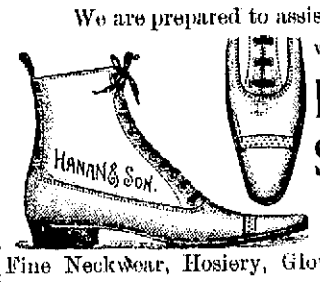

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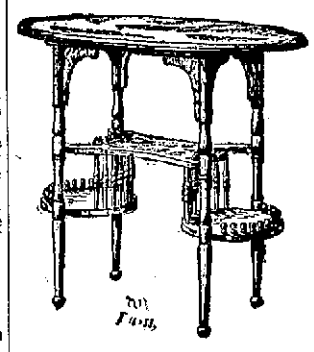
For Ladies and Gentlemen

Fine Neckwear, Hosiery, Gloves and Mittens, Hats and caps, Silk and Wool Mufflers, Fine Traveling Bags, Trunks, etc. Our stock of clothing and overcoats is exceptionally large and complete, and our boots, shoes and rubbers are always right.

..The Globe Clothiers and Shoers

113 West Main Street.

THERE may be grief and tales of woe,
For "Cuba" and for "Maceo,"
But the man who raves and tears his hair
Is the one who has no change to spare,
When he looks at our assortment.



We keep everything but money and clerks enough to wait on the trade. We are a little short on both. Our Rockers, Center Tables, Bookcases, Dining Tables and Chairs, Couches, Rugs, Draperies and everything else, are of a high order, and prices are low

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10 Doz. Men's Shirts and Drawers at 19c each

Also 5 Doz. Men's Heavy Shirts at 39c each

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GROCERIES

9 Lbs. Rolled Oats, 26c.
9 bars Jaxon Soap, 25c.
Gold Dust, 16c.
American Ball Bluing, 4c.
Our Shoe Dressing, 5c.

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Have money than the Holiday Goods which we have left over and as an inducement we will close out the entire line

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1896.

MAYOR Bell's views in regard to the lighting of West Main street will be lauded by every fair-thinking resident of Benton Harbor. He declares that the city should not be required to stand the entire expense of constructing additional lights on this avenue, the most frequented of any in the city. He assigns some worthy reasons why this should not be. The street railway, he says, will receive as great a benefit from such an improvement as the city and should be compelled to share the expense of constructing and maintaining the lights necessary to make the highway safe for teams and pedestrians at night. Had the street been properly lighted the street car company would undoubtedly have escaped the possibility of a damage suit created by the slaughtering of Michael King recently. The opinion of Mayor Bell is not arbitrary but fair and just.

KIMBALL AGAIN ARRESTED.

He Obtained Money Under False Pretense at Grand Rapids.

S. D. Kimball, well known in this city, was arrested in Grand Rapids Thursday on a rather serious charge. W. A. Stowe, a Grand Rapids paper dealer, makes a complaint against him for receiving money under false pretences. Kimball, it appears, called on Stowe December 15, and representing himself as a traveling salesman for the Thomas manufacturing company of Chicago, sold him a bill of shipping tags. Afterward he got Stowe to cash a $10 sight draft on the house for him. Stowe sent the draft to the house and the house refused to honor it, saying that Kimball did not work for the firm. The warrant for Kimball's arrest followed.

TWO NEW TEACHERS.

They Were Hired by the Board of Education Thursday.

The board of education met Thursday after noon and voted to hire Miss Majori Gibson, of St. Clair, to fill the vacancy in the corps of city school instructors caused by the resignation of Miss Mack.

Miss Nina Hess, of Napoleon, was hired to take charge of the new room created in the basement of the Central building to be occupied by sixth grade pupils.

The new teachers are both experienced and have in their possession valuable recommendations relative to their ability.

ABOUT THE COUNTY.

Galien Advocate: Galien is ahead so far in the change on the Michigan Central railroad to the block signal system. One operator was laid off and we have two men stationed here to look after the signals. Buchanan has no telegraph operator from 1 o'clock in the morning till 1 o'clock in the afternoon, while at Three Oaks the station agent has to sell tickets for the midnight train and the helper has to sell tickets for the 3:52 a. m. train.

Crime That Deserved a Rope.

Clarke, S. D., Dec. 26.—Christian Christiansen has just been convicted of wife murder and sentenced to the penitentiary for life. It was supposed that his wife had committed suicide, as she was found hanging to a tree in a tree claim. He hung her to the tree from his wagon, and then drove out from under, leaving her there. Circumstantial evidence was found which rendered the suicide theory untenable.

Convicts Strike a Great Scheme.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 26.—One hundred convicts in the Frankfort penitentiary filed a petition with the governor for pardon. They stated in their petition that if pardoned, they would all go to Cuba and fight to free the island. The governor could not see it that way and was inclined to think they might work for freedom inside the walls and their expected Christmas gift has gone glimmering.

Do not wear impermeable and tight-fitting hats that constrict the blood-vessels of the scalp. Use Hall's Hair Renewer occasionally, and you will not be bald.

Robes

Must be sold and are going cheap.

Blankets

Largest assortment ever offered here and at lowest prices

Harness

Single and double.

Repairing

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110 Main Street.

"PACIFICOS" TO DIE.

Reports Received To That Effect From Key West, Florida, and Havana.

WORK OF BUTCHERY BEGINS.

Some Remarks by a Spanish General on the Stories Told in the United States.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Telegrams from Key West via Cincinnati say that passengers arriving from Havana tell the story that all Havana is waiting for reports from Weyler and commenting upon his actions so far. He is reported to have stated that he intended to make a desert of the Pinar del Rio section to starve General Rivera out. According to rumors he has begun strongly on this. His guerrilla bands have orders to carry off or destroy all cattle or provisions of any kind, and to lay waste the entire country, burning cane fields, houses, barns, etc. This they are beginning to do. The statement is also made that the orders are to shoot all "pacificos" and that the bloody work has been begun. The stories add that General Rivera, who is in command of the army of Maceo, has sent a formal warning to Weyler, notifying the Spanish captain general that if he persists in his threats to kill pacificos found in the country the Cubans will make reprisals on all Spaniards whom they may capture.

Cuban Victories Over the Spaniards.

General Weyler is affecting to disregard the warning. Those near him, however, say that he will not dare to carry out his ideas as ruthlessly as he intended. His guerrillas still have full authority to capture or kill pacificos in the country and to force their families into the garrisoned towns. As the troops in such places have little extra food and the residents none to spare, this order lays a great hardship on the poor country folk. Hundreds will soon be starving. General Rivera is moving out of his intrenchments. All indications point to an important engagement soon. A battle has been fought in Santa Clara province between guerrilla bands. The Cubans forced the Spanish to retire into Remedios with heavy loss. Regla, across the bay from Havana, was attacked again Thursday night almost under the guns of the fortress. Several houses were burned and a running fight was maintained for two hours.

What Correspondent Bowen Says.

A dispatch from New York gives the substance of a special to The World from Dr. William Shaw Bowen, a staff correspondent of that paper. The Spanish authorities gave him permission to travel through Pinar del Rio. He found few signs of civil war except about the garrisoned towns. Tobacco was being cultivated in many places, except that the planting was later than common, and the inhabitants seemed to be following their ordinary avocations. General Malguizo, who is in command of the district about Pinar del Rio city, replied bitterly to the American press attacks on him for cruelty. Referring to the "pacificos" he said there were two kinds of these—one genuine and the other spurious.

Distinction Between "Pacificos."

The spurious kind carried on a guerrilla warfare when the opportunity offered to do it safely and then when hard pressed buried its arms and became very peaceful. General Melguizo said that these men should be treated as the Germans treated similar French "pacificos" during the Franco-German war—shot on sight. Melguizo had not heard any criticism of the German commanders for doing this. Referring to the proposed collecting of the loyal people in the towns and the desolation of the country occupied by the rebels General Melguizo recalled the fact that Sheridan in the American rebellion swept the Shenandoah valley clean, so that "a crow could not fly over it," as a military measure.

Sensational Stories Denied.

Bowen says that the siege of Pinar del Rio city, reported at length in American papers very nearly a twelve-month ago, was a romance pure and simple; that the rebels have never been nearer the town in force than five miles, and then only when Maceo slipped by in the woods en route somewhere else; also that Weyler in his two trips into the hills of the province found few rebels—there are none organized in considerable bodies there now; that the detailed stories printed in the United States of fierce battles in the hills are fabrications out of whole cloth. The whole special is a denial of the lurid reports coming to the press via Key West and other Florida points.

VIEWS OF GENERAL DRAPER,

Not in Favor of Uncle Sam Interfering in the Unpleasantness.

Washington, Dec. 26.—An argument against interference by the United States with the government of Spain in Cuba, pending the present season for military operations, is made by General William Draper, of Massachusetts, who is one of the sub-committee of the house which will consider the resolutions relating to Cuba. He said: "My standpoint in regard to Cuba has not changed since the last session of congress. It is my feeling that it is time to recognize independence when, in the first place, there is a government, and when, in the second place, that government has shown its right to be considered an independent sovereignty. It seems to me that there is nothing in the island of Cuba in opposition to the Spanish forces except certain armed bodies of men, each under its own leader, and with nothing approaching a civil government.

"If we are to take the message of President Cleveland as our authority—and that is the only trustworthy authority that I know of—it must be admitted that there is not anywhere in Cuba outside the Spanish lines a civil government which is seriously undertaking to exercise its functions. The claims put forth by the insurgents cannot be accepted as in any degree conclusive in these matters. Take, for instance, this matter of the supposed death of Maceo. The insurgents said in the first place that he was killed by treachery, and in the second place that he was not killed at all. The Spanish accounts, on the other hand, declared that he was killed in a fair fight. I am inclined to accept no reports from Cuba that are not official, as a basis of action.

"I think the incoming administration should have the privilege of deciding what course it desires to take in regard to its foreign policy, and that the new president should not be inaugurated with a war upon his hands with an important foreign power, caused by the action of the out-going congress."

"Do you believe that Cuba will benefit by becoming an independent government?" was asked.

"I do not," General Draper replied. "I am not confident that the new government would maintain civil order, and the security of person and property under equal laws for all citizens of the island and for foreign visitors and residents any more effectively than the Spanish government. I believe that if I were to take my wife and family to the island of Cuba they would be safer under Spanish rule, bad as it is said to be, than under such rule as would be instituted if the insurgents should succeed and our government should take possession of the island.

"The alternative for securing orderly government, then, you think is between Spanish rule and American?"

"Exactly," was the reply. "The United States ought to deliberate more carefully, however, before themselves taking possession of the island. American control would involve a great many obligations under a variety of heads. One of the objections of the insurgents to Spanish rule lies in the fact that the suffrage is limited to some 53,000 voters out of perhaps 350,000 adult male. They apparently desire universal suffrage. Presumably they would not renounce this desire if the island became a part of the United States. They would then bring a new element of corruption into the Union if Cuba became a state, and they would be in a constant state of irritation if the island were kept in a territorial condition."

NAVAL ENGAGEMENT A FAKE.

Three Friends Shows No Sign of Having Been in a Fight.

Cincinnati, Dec. 26.—A special to The Commercial-Tribune from Key West says: Much comment was made yesterday in Havana over the report cabled from New York that the filibustering steamer Three Friends had been fired on by Spanish cruisers and that the steamer had disabled a Spanish gunboat. This report is positively denied in official circles, who affirm that nothing of the kind occurred, but that the story is made from whole cloth. It is admitted that the steamer landed on the south side of the island, but it is alleged that there was no fighting. It is furthermore stated that only a part of the cargo was secured by Gomez, the Spanish coast guards having captured a good portion.

The Three Friends is here, lying under the guns of the Raleigh. Captain Lewis refuses to say anything about his trip, save that he had been after derelicts. As to the story of a fight he professes ignorance. None of the crew can be induced to speak of the affair. The vessel does not bear any marks of conflict, and the report is doubted here.

Havana advices are that Gomez' advance guard has captured the town of Las Passega, in Santa Clara province, taking the entire garrison and all their stores. A battalion of fresh troops was sent to Matanzas yesterday morning from Havana to be sent to the front. Great exertions are being made to get a strong force to oppose General Gomez, and three lines are being formed to get the Cubans entangled in between them and crushed.

Very Important, if True.

London, Dec. 26.—The Times Paris correspondent says: "The Washington government has been confidentially informed, although in very friendly terms, that the European powers would not remain passive should the United States recognize or encourage the Cuban insurgents. If my information is correct an intimation has been further given that Germany is quite ready, even now, to take Spain's side should the United States show a disposition officially to side with the rebels. These warnings originated in the course of pour parlers for a European coalition against revolutionary socialism."

Isn't This the First on Record?

Denver, Dec. 26.—The state supreme court has denied the application for a rehearing in the case of Sheriff Newman, of Lake county (Leadville), sentenced to six months' imprisonment and retirement from office on a charge of malfeasance. The judgment against Newman will probably be carried into effect within a few days. Governor McIntire has announced that if a successor to Newman be appointed who will enforce the laws in good faith he will withdraw the troops from Leadville.

Notice to Stockholders.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the West Michigan Nurseries, for election of officers and such other business as may come before the meeting, will be held at the company's general office, Benton Harbor, Michigan, Monday, January 4, 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m.

O. C. HOWE, Secretary.

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Finest smoke on earth for 5 cents at Hall & Nichols.

Rates for the Inauguration.

On account of the inauguration the Big Four will sell special excursion tickets to Washington, good going March 1, 2 and 3, and leaving Washington not earlier than March 4 and not later than March 8, inclusive, at one first class fare for the round trip.

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CHRISTMAS — NEW YEARS.

LOW RATES FOR THE HOLIDAYS. "BIG FOUR ROUTE."

The "Big Four Route," with its time-honored custom, will sell tickets from points on its lines at the low rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip, on December 24, 25 and 31, 1896, and January 1, 1897, good returning until January 4, 1897.

"Now good digestion wait on appetite and health on both." Use Washburn's Gold Medal flour—all good grocers sell it. 156tf

Save your money. But if you must get rid of it spend it on good things like those fine candies at Bird's drug store.

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The One True Blood Purifier. All druggists. $1.

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"I Have Lost That Quarter!"

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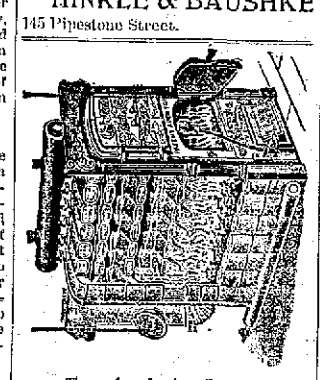

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December 24, 25, 31 and January 1, C. & W. M. and D. L. & N. agents will sell excursion tickets at one and one third fare for the round trip to all points in Michigan and to many points in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. Return limit January 4, 1897.

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...AT THE WHITE HOUSE STORE

Thousands of Useful Articles suitable for Xmas Gifts just arrived. Call and see the elegant new goods. It is beyond doubt the largest and best stock ever shown in Western Michigan. The stock consists of Dry Goods, Clothing, Gloves, Mittens, Hats and Caps, Hoods, Fascinators, Jackets and Capes, Shawls, Yarns, all kinds of Underwear, Shirts, Red Blankets, Horse Blankets, Comforters, Feathers, Albums, Feather Bons, Trunks, Valises, and thousands of other useful things too numerous too mention.

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$ 4.00 Men's Suits	Prices for this Sale	$ 3.98
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6c Sheetings	Price for this Sale	4c
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8c All Linen Crash	" " " "	5c
5c Ginghams	" " " "	3½c
69c Red Blankets	" " " "	39c
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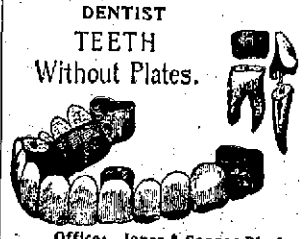

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COMPANY PUTS ITS FOOT DOWN

And Its Discharge of the Men May Cause Another Strike on the Street Car Lines.

Boston, Dec. 26.—The first official act of the West End management yesterday morning was to discharge 120 conductors and motormen of division 6 (Charlestown). President Young, of the conductors, motormen and drivers union, headed the list. More than 100 discharges were also made on division 2 (Lenox street line).

President Young says the strike is off as far as the supreme council of the union is concerned. He admits that some of the men having already disregarded the action of the conference committee may ignore the ultimatum of the supreme council and inaugurate another strike. It is generally thought among the conductors and motormen that the action of the supreme council means that the managers have until next Monday to sign an agreement submitted by the men recognizing them as a union instead of individuals. If the company refuses to do this another strike may be ordered.

Talk of Electing New Leaders.

The more radical of the men say that heretofore the supreme council and the conference committee have failed to represent the sentiments of the union. One of the men said that if the company refused to recognize its conductors and motormen as a union, and the present council did not order a strike, the resignation of the present members would be demanded and a new council representing the sentiments of the men would be installed. The conservative members, however, argue that a strike now would be the height of folly. In the event of a strike being ordered many of these men would refuse to go out. Yesterday and Thursday the recruiting office of the West End registered about 1,000 men who are supposed to be competent, besides receiving hundreds of applications by mail.

END OF THE CHRISTMAS STRIKE.

Leaders of the Union Finally Convince the Men of Their Error.

The speedy ending of the strike began to be anticipated Thursday afternoon when, in spite of the efforts of the union men, the employes of the South Boston lines refused to join in the movement, and until early in the evening these cars were almost the only ones to be seen on the streets. By 4 o'clock, however, one or two cars of the Grove Hall line were seen and later a few desultory trips were made on the other lines. Meanwhile the executive council of the union was trying to convince the importunate strikers that the movement could not be expected to succeed when it had been begun in violation of the promise of the council to defer the strike until the directors of the road should have time to consider the agreement presented by the men.

At last the argument of the company prevailed, and although the decision to declare the strike off is not satisfactory to many of the employes, the subject has been presented to them in such a light that they can see no other way of maintaining the honor of their committee, or of their union. As soon as the news of the committee's action became known preparations were made to reopen operations on all lines. At the usual hour the men began to report, and while some changes were made, owing necessarily to the general withdrawal of the cars, at 10 o'clock, there was little to indicate that anything unusual had occurred.

The action of the company in discharging so many men is in the line of its ultimatum issued Thursday that those who did not return to work at a certain hour would be considered as having quit the company's service. True to this the company engaged such of its old employes as it desired, but declined the services of those prominently identified with the strike.

CECIL RHODES NOT A "DEAD DUCK."

Gives His Views of the Proper Policy for British in Africa.

Fort Elizabeth, Cape Colony, Dec. 26.—At a banquet tendered to Cecil Rhodes here he made at speech in the course of which he declared tha his public life was not ended, and that he would not give up his seat in parliament until he was turned out. He asserted that no savage country can remain a part of Africa. Cape Colony, he said, must be the dominant power south of Central Africa. His idea was to assimilate the tariffs and not the peoples. This, he said, could be done in the north. It was not a question of race, but of unity. He urged his hearers to cultivate a closer union with other South African communities. He stated that when he was negotiating with the late Charles Stewart Parnell, the latter had promised him that a clause should be inserted in the home rule bill which would permit representatives from the colonies to sit at Westminster.

Senator Voorhees' Secretary Dead.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Chester B. Faulkner, the private secretary of Senator Voorhees, of Indiana, who was knocked down Thursday night by a street car, died at Providence hospital yesterday afternoon. He never recovered from the shock consequent upon the amputation of his leg, which was a necessary result of the accident.

Weston on a Tramp Again.

New York, Dec. 26.—Edward Weston, the 58-year-old pedestria, last night, began a twenty-four hours' walk in an effort to equal his record of 112 miles. His track is built around the ice in a big skating rink. At 2 o'clock this morning, four hours after the start, Weston had covered twenty miles.

Vice President Goes to St. Louis.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Vice President and Mrs. Stevenson and their daughter left here yesterday for St. Louis, where they will be present at the wedding of Miss Julia Scott, niece of Mrs. Stevenson, to Carl Vroeman, of Baltimore, which event occurs Monday evening in St. Louis.

CHRISTMAS BLAZE.

Causes a Panic and Entails a Loss of Half a Million Dollars.

New York, Dec. 26.—Fire yesterday morning destroyed two big buildings on East Thirty-third street, partially destroyed the New York Polyclinic hospital and compelled the removal of its patients, drove two score of families from their homes in adjoining buildings, and did $500,000 damage. The structures which were destroyed were a five-story building at 211 and 213 East Thirty-third street, used partly as an office building, and a big six-story building at 213 to 231 used as a factory building. The first and second floors of 211 and 213 were used as offices and displayed rooms for the Kaldenburg Manufacturing company, which occupied with its factory the basement and first and second floors of the factory building. The company manufactures pipes and smokers' articles. The third, fourth and fifth floors front of 211 and 213 were occupied as offices by the Sebastian Sommer Piano company and the Gibson Piano company, allied concerns which had their factory in the upper floors of the factory building. The rear part of the upper floors of 211 and 213 was occupied by the snuff factory of Adolph Pinner. It is believed that the fire started in the snuff factory.

Had to Move the Sick People.

A part of the top floor of the factory building was occupied by the New England Car Spring company. The fire in East Thirty-third street had been burning from 6 o'clock until 7 o'clock before any real alarm was felt in the Polyclinic, though the patients knew there was a fire in the neighborhood. Suddenly the roof of the hospital, which is on Thirty-fourth street, burst into flames. The physicians in charge at once decided to remove the fifty-eight patients, and the Delaware hotel, nearby, was placed at the disposal of the Polyclinic officials. A squad of policemen began the removal of the sick people, thirteen children being carried out without trouble. There was more trouble with the adult patients. Patients who should not have left their cots dodged the nurses and tried to escape. None of the patients will suffer from the change.

Panic in the Tenement House.

In the tenement house just west of the burning building lived twenty-four families. The mothers and fathers watched the firemen with indifference from their windows, while their children played with Christmas toys. Suddenly terror seized them as onlookers cried: "Run for your lives. The wall is going to fall on you." Mothers picked up their little ones and ran to the street. Others refused to leave. The police shoved the men and women down the stairs and picked the children from the floors, carrying them out. Most of them were in their night clothes, and each one was clinging to a toy. The roof of the factory building fell within an hour after the fire was discovered. The wall to the west tumbled upon the tenement house. The east wall went down on Schuller's hotel. The loss of half a million is well covered by insurance.

WIFE MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Details of the Work of a Miscreant Who Used a Shotgun.

Peoria, Ills., Dec. 26.—Elbion Scott, a teamster, shot his wife in the left shoulder and left side of the neck with a shotgun, inflicting wounds which may result in her death, and later blew the top of his head off with the same gun. He was down-town during the afternoon and on his return he asked her to spend Christmas with his relatives in Eureka. She refused because she had purchased a Christmas tree and presents for their only son, and he threatened to kill her.

All through the evening he quarreled with her and finally the quarrel became so violent the boy ran out on the street in search of an officer, whom he found on the next corner. Just as the policeman entered the house Scott fired the shot which took effect in the left shoulder and left side of the neck of his wife. Scott ran out the rear door pursued by the policeman and soon escaped. He went directly to the river bank, where he shot himself, though his body was not discovered until 8 o'clock next morning. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict of suicide.

Took Peter Just Twenty-Seven Seconds.

New York, Dec. 26.—It just took twenty-seven seconds' time for Peter Maher, the Irish pugilist, to again demonstrate his superiority in ring tactics and hard hitting qualities over Steve O'Donnell, the Australian boxer, in the arena of the Greater New York Athletic club at Coney island. Both men were in excellent condition and trained to the hour. During the round Maher knocked Steve down twice, the last time being a knockout.

Fatal Accident on a Trolley Line.

Allentown, Pa., Dec. 26.—Five persons were injured and one killed yesterday afternoon in East Allentown in a grade crossing accident. A passenger train on the Central railroad of New Jersey struck a trolley car. L. J. Ware, aged 49, the motorman, was instantly killed. The injured are George Gresser, trolley car conductor; Mr. and Mrs. John Brink; Gehman and Ed Werg. None of their injuries are serious.

Queen Lil Is at Boston.

Boston, Dec. 26.—Queen Liliuokalani, of Hawaii, arrived from New York last night and was met at the Park station by William Lee, of the publishing firm of Lee & Shepard, together with his wife and daughter. After cordial greetings the party was driven to the Parker House, where the ex-queen will have a spacious suite during her stay in this city.

Well-Known Lawyer Dies at Dinner.

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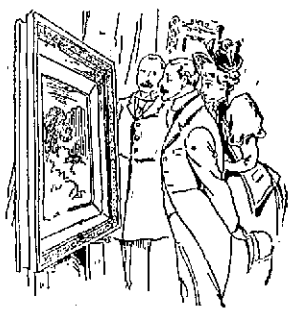

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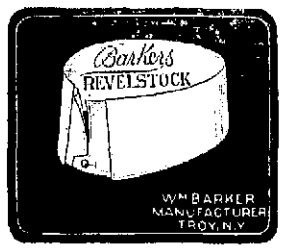

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DR. C. N. Sowers drew the elegant banquet lamp at Dr. George M. Bell & Co.'s yesterday.

MRS. G. Wald, Wayne street, entertained a company of young people at dinner yesterday.

THE merchants generally are rejoicing over a better Christmas trade than they had anticipated.

THERE will be a Sunday school concert at the Methodist church tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock.

THE grand ball to be given by Frazell's band next Wednesday night promises to be well attended.

THE Misses Frances and Cora Hull are entertaining their Sunday school classes at their home on Park street this afternoon.

MISSES Katherine Raub and Katherine Burke will receive New Year's from 3 to 5 o'clock, at the home of Miss Burke, 161 Pipestone street.

FRAZELL'S orchestra played for a dance in Keeler last night which was attended by some young men of this city who wore full dress suits.

A LETTER from Frank Kelley tells of their safe arrival in Los Angeles, on the 18. They found calla lillies and roses in bloom, also good big oranges for 10 cents per dozen.

SKATING has been resumed on the river and along the Big Four railway. Yesterday large parties of young men and ladies took advantage of the opportunity to enjoy the ice.

OLA Peterson and Knute Johnson, Swedes, were arrested yesterday for disturbing the quiet of the city. They were both intoxicated and this morning paid fines of $2 each assessed by Justice Hammond.

THE meeting of the grangers at Hotel Benton this afternoon was largely attended. No conclusion in regard to either the package or commission business had been reached at 3 o'clock. None but grangers were admitted.

CHARLES G. Davies, the manager of the Great Northern iron works, made each one of the employes of the company a Christmas present of a large fat turkey. The men think there is no boss as good as Mr. Davies and they are about right.

THE hot air furnaces in the Hotel Higbee, which have been put in working order, are a great success. Mrs. Sowers, the landlady says that the temperature in the hotel now reminds her of the summer heat in Florida during her sojurn there last winter.

THIS freezing weather and mantle of snow Providence has kindly spread over the earth will have the effect of sending Colfax avenue residents to their knees in prayers of thankfulness for the deliverance these conditions provide from the nauseating odors that are carried on the breezes from the city dumping grounds.

BE sure and keep Friday evening, January 1, in mind, the old maids' convention by the Universalist ladies, at Conkey's hall. The two step will not be "in it" with Keziah Couche's seven step old time Jancy dance and Aurora Borealis Firkenbender will play on the melodian just beautiful in the exercises of the convention.

COLOMA Courier: The Courier suggests to the Methodist people that they restrict the ringing of their church bell to someone who can ring it, and not allow children and the inexperienced to continually startle our citizens by ringing fire alarms. There should be one way of ringing it to call people to church, and another to alarm them of a fire.

THE Henry C. Rowe circle, ladies of the G. A. R. met Wednesday, December 23, and elected the following officers: President, Mrs. Alonzo Plummer; senior vice president, Mrs. S. F. Curtis; junior vice president, Mrs. C. K. Hendrix; treasurer, Mrs. George W. Fales; chaplain, Mrs. Dr. Brooks; conductor, Mrs. M. E. Pulver; guard, Mrs. C. Hollis; organist, Mrs. George Wright.

SPECIAL Christmas services at the Congregational church in the morning. The service will begin with the "Angels Trio" by Mesdames Wentworth, Cady and Cole. Anthem, "It is the blessed Christmas Morn," Soprano solo by Mrs. Wentworth, violin obligato by Miss Florence George, followed by a soprano obligato, violin obligato and chorus of 16 voices and organ accompaniment. In the evening the ladies quartette consisting of Mesdames Wentworth, Cady, Kelly and Cole will sing.

Well-Known Mining Man Shot Dead.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 26.—In a shooting scrape at the Southern Cross mine in Deer Lodge county D. A. Riley, a well-known mining man, was shot through the heart and instantly killed and John McIntyre, his slayer, also received a bullet in his right hand. McIntyre immediately after the shooting went to Anconda and gave himself up to the authorities, saying that he had shot in self-defense.

Saw Their Way Out of Jail.

Fort Scott, Kan., Dec. 26.—Five prisoners sawed out of the county jail here and are at large. They are Charles Kelly, Thomas Showman, James Strode, John Grey and William Ryan.

Attention Macrabees

Sir Knights of Benton Tent, K. O. T. M., take notice! There will be an adjourned meeting of the tent this Saturday evening, (Dec. 26) at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and the transacting of other important business. Every member is urged to be present.

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Save your money. But if you must get rid of it spend it on good things like those fine candies at Bird's drug store.

PERSONAL.

—Fred Vincent has returned from a trip to Florida.

—John Dempster of Chicago is visiting relatives here.

—Miss Flora McDonald has recovered after a slight illness.

—Peter English spent Christmas with his family here.

—Leslie Wright of Chicago is visiting friends in the city.

—Miss Flora Hickmont is visiting relatives in Dowagiac.

—Myron Puterbaugh of Eau Claire is visiting friends here.

—George Quick of Newaygo is visiting his old friend Dr. Freemyer.

—D. B. Bower of the Buchanan Record, was in the city yesterday.

—Miss A. Willard of Galien is the guest of her brother, Vern Willard.

—Samuel Hull came over from Chicago to spend Christmas with his family.

—Miss Mabel Easelhorst of Eau Claire is visiting friends in both cities.

—Mrs. J. Gibbons, of Indianapolis, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. L. Wilcox.

—Mrs. S. E. Horne is spending the holidays in Chicago with her daughter, Nora.

—Miss Myrtle Warren is spending the holidays with her sister in Charlotte.

—Lewis Kuelbus of Marion, Ind., spent Christmas with his parents in this city.

—Mrs. Lillian Noe and Miss Netta Eldred are at home from Chicago for a few days.

—John Reed who left this city a year ago for a trip through the far west has returned.

—Mrs. J. Wyant is visiting her mother, Mrs. A. L. Wilcox of the Hotel Phoenix.

—Mrs. H. C. Pray of Dowagiac is visiting her mother Mrs. E. Johnson, Pipestone street.

—Mrs. M. A. Price is visiting her mother, Mrs. Sowers of the Hotel Higbee, for a few days.

—W. E. Brooks, jr., of St. Louis, Mo., is the guest of his father, Rev. Dr. Brooks, of this city.

—Will Parsal who is employed in Chicago spent Christmas with his mother in this city.

—Dr. Freemyer returned yesterday from Ferry where he was called on professional business.

—Mrs. Mary Brunson and daughter Maud of South Bend are the guests of Samuel Bishop.

—Martin Babcock, of Manton, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. A. L. Wilcox of the Phoenix hotel.

—Mrs. F. M. Sowers returned home from Battle Creek Thursday evening, greatly improved in health.

—G. W. Darling, who has been in the city for two weeks, returned to his home in Decatur last evening.

—Miss DeEtta Curry a teacher in the schools at Hammond Ind., is visiting her mother and friends here.

—Frank L. Turbell of Wheaton, Ill., college is spending a few days with his grandmother, Mrs. S. G. Antisdale.

—Miss Lizzie Hewson left this morning for Coloma where she will remain a week the guest of Jerome Pitcher's.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Fyfe of Indianapolis, Mr. and and Mrs. C. D. Cole of Chicago, are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Antisdale.

—Coloma Courier: Louis Koob and wife of Benton Harbor spent Sunday at the pleasant farm of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Koob, in South Coloma.

—J. W. McEachren, of Chicago, accompanied by his wife, is the guest of the latter's parents in this city. Mr. McEachren is an editorial writer on the Chicago Evening Post.

—Mrs. William Bowers a daughter of J. N. Chaddock of this city died suddenly at her home in Chicago this morning. Mr. Chaddock and son R. P. Chaddock left this afternoon to attend the funeral.

—Nora Crandall returned from Dowagiac today, where she went Tuesday to attend the wedding of her cousin, Miss Grace Emmons to John Hohenor, of Buchanan, which occurred Wednesday, December 23, at high noon.

Indiana Auditors Get no Fees.

Indianapolis, Dec. 25.—The supreme court has affirmed the decision of the circuit court of Vanderburgh county refusing to allow the claim of the auditor of that county for services under the provisions of the fee and salary law of 1879. The court holds that the fee and salary law of 1895, which provides that county officials shall receive a fixed salary without fees, is constitutional and valid.

Vandervoort Issues a Call.

Omaha, Dec. 25.—Paul Vandervoort, president of the National Reform Press association, has issued a call for the annual meeting of the organization at Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 22, 1897. This organization is composed of Populist papers as an auxiliary to the National Farmers' Alliance, and opposed the Bryan fusion in this section at the election.

Block Worth $100,000 Burned.

Anderson, Ind., Dec. 25.—The Loeb-Brunt block, one of the largest in the gas belt, has been destroyed by fire, and the loss will not fall below $100,000. This is the third fire on this site, two opera houses, costing $68,000, having been previously destroyed.

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THE CHURCHES.

Subjects to Be Discussed From City Pulpits Tomorrow.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.—J. H. Bicknell, pastor, Preaching services, 10:30 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday school at 12 m. Junior Endeavor, 3:30 p. m., Y. P. S. C. E., 6:00 p. m.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH—W. P. French, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 and 7 p. m. Sunday school at noon. Epworth League at 6:00.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.—Rev. George B Simon, pastor. The morning topic will be "Past, Present and Future." In the evening the Fourth Gospel Rally will be held. Singing by the chorus choir and short sermon by the pastor. Sunday school, 12 m.; meeting for Juniors, 3:30 p. m.; Young People's meeting, 5:30 p. m. The Christmas decorations will remain in position over Sunday.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—Rev. W. E. Brooks, D. D., pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 12 m. Junior C. E. at 3 p. m. Meeting of Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:00 p. m. Evening worship at 7 o'clock. All, especially strangers, cordially invited.

UNIVERSALIST.—Pleasant street, Rev. George A. Sabin, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "Christmas Joy;" Evening, "The Cabon Question, a Problem in Patriotism." Sunday school 12 m. Y. P. C. U. 6:00 p. m.

Y. M. C. A.—Meeting in the new rooms in THE NEWS building at 3 p. m. Charles Tompkins leader. Topic, "What of It." Special music. All men are cordially invited.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN, Morton Hill—Preaching morning and evening tomorrow by Rev. H. P. Fullenwider of South Haven. Sunday school at noon.

HOLY TRINITY.—Sermon at 10:30 a. m. by the rector, Rev. M. S. Woodruff. Evening services at 7:00 p. m. Sunday school at 12 m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.—Mass at St. John's church on Columbus avenue at 8 and 10:30 o'clock a. m. Rev. Father Mulcahy, pastor.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH—Rev. T. C. Johnson, pastor. The pastor will preach at 10:30 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 12 o'clock. H. Y. P. U. meeting at 6:30 p. m. All are welcome.

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Ladies hemstiched handchiefs in plain white, colored bordered and mourning at 5 cents each
Ladies fine embroidered hemstiched lace inserted Handkfs at 25c
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Gents hemstitched plain or fancy at 10c
Gents initial hemstitched hdkfs at 15c
Gents silk inital hemstchd hdkfs at 25c
Gents corded hemstchd hdkfs at 15c
Gents hemstchd plain hdkfs at 15c
Gents initial hemstchd hdkfs at 25c
Gents fancy border silk hemstchd 25c
Gents fap silk initial hdkfs 15 and 25c
Gents fine all linen hemstchd in narrow and wide hem 25c 35 c, 40c, 65c
Gents silk hemstchd initial hdkfs at 49c
Gents silk hemstchd handkfs at 35c, 49c, 65c, 85c and $1,00
Cashmere mufflers at 15c
Cashmere mufflers at 20c and 25c
Fine Cashmere and silk mufflers at 35c
Fine all wool mufflers at 49c
All silk brocade mufflers at 59c
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36 in. all wool Fancy, 49c, cheap at 65c.
46 in. all wool Serge at 40c, cheap at 70c.
46 in. all wool Henrietta at 49c, cheap at 70c.
46 in. all wool Serge at 59c, cheap at 80c.
46 in. all wool Fancy, 59c, cheap at 80c.
46 in. all wool Henrietta at 59c, cheap at 90c.
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